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## Sophomore MYP Showcase displays student work

By Ariel Claus

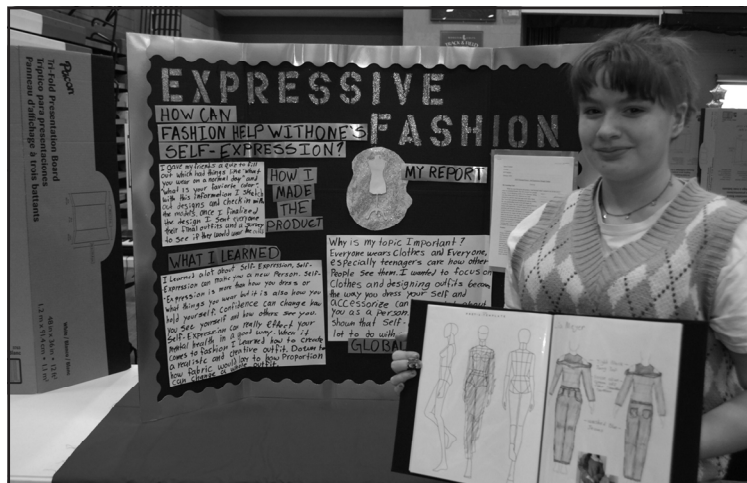
Wooster's sophomore students presented their Middle Years Project showcase projects on April 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Wooster's large gym. There was also an evening show that ran from 5 to 6 p.m. More than 160 sophomore students completed their MYP projects with approximately displaying them. Eighty students displayed in the evening showcase.

The MYP project is a mandatory project that all students must complete during their sophomore year in order to pass their seminar class. "The showcase and the projects were a success this year as we had more students who participated," said MYP coordinator Zeynep Evenson.

"The pandemic had a negative impact on the face-to-face events such as the showcase and our students who are still somewhat impacted by the year of remote learning have definitely made a comeback and were really proud of their achievements this year during the showcase," she said.

All students who complete and presented their projects received an MYP Certificate and were rewarded with an off campus pass for the rest of the school year.

The showcase targets freshman students who will be required to complete a project next year and



James Coulson, top, and Lia Meyer, bottom, were two of the sophomore students who displayed their MYP projects during the showcase.

give them an idea of what the project requires.

Lester Torres finished in fourth place with his project which focused on won fourth place. learning how to bake brownies by incorpo-

rating his Guatemalan culture.

The project took him about seven tries to get the brownies just right and the poster took him about four hours to complete. He served the brownies during his presentation.

"The brownies were gone quite quickly, but I'm glad everybody liked them," Torres said.

His project fell under the category identities and relationships because his project was inspired by not only his culture but also the nostalgia he gets from baked goods because it reminds him of his father.

Winning fourth place earned him a certificate and a pizza party.

"I had a good time presenting my project as well as learning about everyone else's projects all day."

Evenson said students benefit from working on, completing and displaying their projects.

"The best part of the project process is that it allows the students to really showcase what they can do on a topic that they feel excited about. It also allows teachers and the community to see the 'whole child'."

She also said completing the MYP project helps students when they enter the diploma or career-related programs.

"The project requires students writing a report that mimics the extended essay in the DP program. It also prepares them for a more independent study format which prepares students for college work in general," Evenson said.

Ten best projects were selected from various categories that included "student choice," "teacher choice," and "most creative."

## District partners with tutoring platform

By Darcy Lo

At the end of last year, the Washoe County School District partnered with Paper, an online tutoring service, to provide unlimited academic writing support for its students.

Paper tutors are specifically trained to assist students in all subject areas in a secure chat-based platform.

But rather than giving students the answers, Paper tutors ask guiding questions in order to allow students to solve the questions themselves.

The platform provides students with numerous features to communicate with tutors, such as Voice Notes, Voice typing, Text reader, or simply texting a tutor their questions.

"Paper.com is a wonderful platform that allows students free access to professional tutors 24/7," said English teacher Roseanne D'Arcangelo/ "As an English teacher, I especially love the live tutor and paper review options."

Live tutors are available any time for students to chat with.

Having a hard time figuring out a math problem or getting started? All students need to do is ask a tutor and they will help you get started.

With the paper review option, students are able to submit rough drafts of their essays and, typically within 48 hours, they receive ample feedback and suggestions for strengthening their papers.

Paper tutors, who all have at least a bachelors degree in their subject area, spend an average of 30 minutes reviewing and commenting on each essay submitted.

Aside from live tutors and essay review, Paper. com also offers math drills, reading exercises, ACT prep, and so much more to

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## College and Career Fair shows future opportunities

By Kianna Magno

The Wooster Career Fair was held on April 12 in the Wooster small gym and the foyer. The event was staged by College and Career Center counselor Kimberly Grange.

The event went on from 9:40 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. and featured 61 exhibitors, giving all classes a chance to see what this career fair had to offer.

"This year we had a great variety of option for students," Grange said. "It was a huge success. The students found it informative and interesting. The were a lot of smiles."

The career fair offered many students opportunities for after

school jobs, summer jobs, apprenticeships, military options and colleges.

There were booths presented that offered jobs for students, career path and educational opportunities.

Many big companies were presented to students including Tesla and Starbucks. Many other opportunities included: The Army, The Navy, The Marines, The National Guard, and The Coast Guard.

Fly High, Northern NV Sheet Metal Workers, City of Reno Parks and Recreation, Grand Sierra Resort, USPS, Sherwin Williams, In-N-Out Burger, Milan Institute, Petco, Absolute



Students had the opportunity to engage with 61 exhibitors and the Wooster Career air held on April 12.

Dental, Renown, PBS Reno, WCSD Nutrition Services and many more.

As a bonus for students attending, a raffle event was held.

In order to enter the raffle, students were given a piece of paper which needed at least five signatures from different booths at the fair to enter.



## Kindness Week celebrates students

**By Dania Mayorquin**

Wooster hosted its second annual Kindness Week April 17-21.

This event was created because the positive behavior support committee wanted to organize events and opportunities to be able and celebrate students for doing the right thing.

Kindness week is organized by Wooster lead counselor Erin Danielsen, school psychologist Paige Rath and the PBIS committee.

“Wooster has a special needs population that often gets forgotten,” Danielsen said. “The Special Olympics is a big part of the event because Wooster is encouraging our special population to interact with all students and visa versa.”

The week was filled with music during lunch, seminar lessons, morning announcements and a

cornhole tournament that took place on April 21 during sixth period.

The week also featured dressup days for all students to participate in. Monday was sunshine day; students are encouraged to wear yellow. Tuesday was City vs. Country. Wednesday was bring anything but a backpack day. Thursday was Cozy vs. Boujee and Friday was wear your kindness shirt or wear your Wooster gear.

An example from last year’s event featured the food trucks that were brought to campus. They were brought to celebrate those students who had zero to few absences and or tardies.

“Kindness Week was a theme that came from that committee where we could celebrate our special needs population on campus,” Danielsen said.

The committee’s goal with this event is to encourage students to be kind to one another, to be kind to those they may not know, be kind to their teachers, and make Wooster a kinder community.

This event is to make everyone here at Wooster feel included, which is why kindness week has a cornhole tournament built in it. To bring everyone together, teachers, staff, and students should all join in for the fun.

A kind gesture can look like anything. It can be a simple wave across campus, someone lending you a pencil, buying someone flowers, or simply holding the door for someone.

The goal is for students to learn not be kind for just one week, but to be kind everyday to your teachers, peers, and most importantly, to yourself.

## Cadets keep battalion streak alive

**By Isis Garcia Cruz**

The Wooster Colt Battalion earned Honor Unit with Distinction for the 51st consecutive year at the annual JROTC Program for Accreditation held on Feb. 15-16.

Each cadet wears a star on their uniform which represents the honor unit with distinction. The inspection is the deciding factor as to whether the battalion is awarded the honor.

During the JPA inspection, cadets in each company are checked for their uniforms and are expected to have them neat and clean.

The cadets are asked a individual question from a list of questions, so they are told to memorise all of them in order to be prepared.

They have to answer the question properly and correctly as well. These questions are asked by the inspectors.



The Wooster JROTC battalion prepares for its annual JPA held at Wooster on Feb. 15-16. (Photo courtesy of the Wooster battalion)

Cadets are also looked at for their individual leadership and situation skills, their cooperation as a team or squad, and acknowledging improvements to be made.

Cadets are also present power point presentations to instructors regarding the achievements and

performance of the battalion and cadets this year.

“We did extremely well,” said First Sgt. Ames.

Two soldiers from the National Guard and active Army oversaw the inspection process.

## Graduates allowed to decorate caps

**By Darcy Lo**

In past years, graduating senior classes throughout the Washoe County School District were forbidden to decorate their graduation caps due to the district’s administrative regulation 5128.

However, after speaking with Spanish Springs High School principal Sean Hall about Native American students being unable to bead their mortarboards, Superintendent Susan Enfield decided to change the regulation starting with this year’s senior class.

Regulation 5128 now states,

“Caps may be decorated. Decorations cannot be lewd, obscene, vulgar, profane, contain hate speech, promote violence, promote the use of illicit drugs, or create a substantial disruption with graduation ceremony, or any other form of unprotected speech.”

Wooster lead counselor Erin Danielsen said decorating graduation caps has been long-practiced tradition at many schools.

“As a school counselor at Wooster High School, I believe that students should be allowed to decorate their caps for graduation

it’s been a longtime tradition at universities, colleges, and even in some other districts, and I think it’s high time Washoe County School District gets on board,” she said. “I also feel it’s imperative and important that students are respectful with what they decorate their caps with as not to take away from the important ceremony at hand.”

Enfield said one of her greatest joys is to see students express their pride and joy especially for students who are the first in their family to graduate.

*Leaving on June 2*

## Grad trip at Six Flags

**By Isis Garcia Cruz**

The senior graduation trip is taking place at Six Flags in Vallejo on June 2.

The Wooster Boosters organized this trip as a way for seniors to have fun one last time before they graduate.

The park will be closed and reserved only for the seniors, with other schools being there as well.

There will be live music, students get to ride the roller coasters, and will have a midnight dinner and more.

Wooster students will meet in

the big gym around 2 p.m., with charter buses taking students to the event. Students will be back on campus around 8-9 a.m. the next day.

The trip used to be held on the night of graduation, but was changed due to schools’ different graduation dates.

The trip costs \$285 with payment and forms still being accepted.

Final payments are due in the middle of May. In addition to all the activities surround the trip, students who attend will receive a shirt and hoodie.

## Sustainability tour shows students STEM options

**By Ariel Claus**

Over spring break Wooster students and students across Nevada were offered a chance to make a sustainability tour were they could explore stem careers, renewable energy sources, technology and environmentally friendly business practices.

The week-long event was sponsored by Enviroloutions and took place March 27-31.

Student toured businesses including Tesla, Redwood Materials, Lithium Americas, Ormat, Patagonia, Fulcurm Bioenergy,

Eco Recycling Center and Reno Food systems to view their businesses practices and how STEM practices are applied and careers available to students. Students attending could earn a one-quarter academic credit.

The price to attend the trip was \$200 dollars, but there were scholarships available for those who may have needed extra help.

Unfortunately, there were no Wooster students who decided to attend assuming this was due to the cost of the event.

## Seniors visit TMCC

**By Destanee Butler**

On May 15th, Wooster students took a field trip to Truckee Meadows Community College to tour the campus and register for classes.

Forty students left Wooster at 9:30 a.m. and returned at 1:30 p.m.

“A secret donor wrote a grant to invite students to check out the campus and apply,” said Career Center Counselor Kimber Grange.

The field trip was a great opportunity for students to check out

the TMCC campus, have their questions answered about classes and associate degrees, learn about financial opportunities and get signed up for their classes.

TMCC offers two-year associate degrees in a variety of areas.

This was the first time this field trip was offered to Wooster students and hopefully it will not be the last.

### Save the Yearbook!

Unpaid final production bills means the yearbook ceases production at the end of this school year.

Please keep this tradition alive by purchasing a yearbook from the Wooster bookkeeper or online at [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com) for \$85.

### Paper

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help strengthen academic skills. “I encourage all students to utilize this program for all subject areas,” D’Arcangelo said.

The platform is available to all WCSD students from sixth through 12th grade free of charge.

To access Paper, students must log in to Clever. Paper can be found at the bottom of the page underneath “Supplemental Programs.” Students can then follow the prompts to access Paper



## Debbie Smith CTE Academy is on schedule to open in August 2025

By Christine Reid

The old Hug High School site is currently being renovated into a new tech school and will be renamed The Debbie Smith Career and Technical Education Academy, or Debbie Smith CTE Academy for short.

Several buildings including the admission and the cafeteria/theater have been demolished and will be rebuilt housing the main office, cafeteria and many classrooms. The remaining buildings will be redesigned and renovated.

Former Wooster history teacher and now the principal at The Academy of Arts, Careers and Technology Michael Gifford will be moving to the new school as its first principal when it is scheduled to open in August of 2025.

Construction of the renovation started in November 2022. The project is on schedule, but the removal of asbestos and lead is the reason the renovation has taken longer than expected.

“We are excited to open Debbie Smith and give our students even more options to help them figure out a successful future that they choose,” Gifford said. “This summer, it is scheduled for the foundation to be poured for the new administration building.”

The new campus will expand the district’s Career Technology and Engineering program.

“This will increase the amount of CTE programs we offer in the Washoe County School District by providing state of the art classrooms and technology to help prepare students for post secondary life,” Gifford said.



Architectural rendition of the new Debbie Smith Career and Technical Education Academy scheduled to open in August of 2025.

The three main buildings will house engineering, veterinary sciences and agriculture, nursing, construction, tech teaching and training, biomedical, culinary and marketing programs.

Gifford said at this time, some of those academic options could change before the school opens.

The new school will keep the athletic facilities and fields and will offer competitive athletics for students.

“The main gym and the football field and the practice fields will remain,” Gifford said, “discussion of other field is still occurring.

“The will be athletics, but not a full Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association allotment. We will most likely start with track and field, cross country, wrestling golf and skiing,” Gifford said.

The campus will include 40 teaching stations for each of the CTE academies.

With the opening of Debbie Smith, AACT will not be shut-

tered and will be a sister school with both schools offering CTE programming.

“Engineering and Vet Science/AG will transfer over to the new school,” Gifford said. “The remaining six will stay at AACT and we will be adding a seventh program. Nursing, construction, tech teaching and training, biomedical, culinary and marketing will be new programs, but those are still tentative.”

Gifford said AACT is an extremely successful and popular school and it will continue to be a great option for students.

The cost for the new school and renovation is estimated to be somewhere between \$120-125 million.

The school got its namesake from a Nevada State Senator Debbie Smith, who previously served in the state assembly and a past president of the Nevada State PTA.

This is the first Washoe County School District high school named after a woman.

## Important seniors dates

By Emma Kennedy

The last few six weeks of senior year means important and exciting days for the graduating Class of 2023.

Both May and June are packed with not only important, but exciting days. These six weeks will range from senior day to graduation practice.

May 13 marks the start of the graduation process with graduation speaker tryouts at 8 a.m. in the Hart Theater.

May 22 and 23 are senior activities, which have both dress up days and seminar activities.

May 24 is scholarship night in the large gym at 5:30 p.m. This is invite only.

May 26 is senior day. This day

is filled with an 8 a.m. cap and gown distribution in the gym, senior assembly, grad “walk over” to Wooster’s feeder schools, field day, and senior sunset.

June 2 is the senior safe and sober trip to Six Flags in Vallejo, Calif.

June 12-14 is finals week with first and second finals on Monday, third and fourth finals on Tuesday and fifth and fifth and sixth period finals on Wednesday.

June 14 is also graduation practice at 1 p.m. in the Big Gym.

June 14-15 are parking pass and ticket distribution days for parents.

Finally on June 16, Wooster’s graduation ceremonies will be held from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at Lawlor Events Center on the University of Nevada, Reno campus.

## Ebonia, Ramirez honored

By Yasmin Hernandez Diaz

Wooster seniors Monserrath Ramirez Ramirez and Chantal Gabrielle Ebonia were selected as High School Merit Award Merit Award winners by the Sierra Nevada Section of the Society of Women Engineers.

They were nominated by Wooster science teacher Ray Swigart based on their hard work and accomplishments.

“They will have the opportunity to join Nevada’s SWE chapter,” said Swigart. “The student chapter of SWE will provide support and networking as they progress through college and those networks will continue to help them in their careers.

Both are planning careers in the field of engineering. They and other nominees were honored at a banquet at the Governor’s Mansion on April 27.

“The banquet was really cool,” said Ebonia. “It was a great opportunity to meet women working in the engineering field and make some good connections with engineering and business people.”

Ebonia will be attending the University of Nevada, Reno in the fall and major in physical engineering.

“I really like math and felt engineering was a good field in which to apply it.”

Both Ebonia and Ramirez Ramirez said listening to the first female Top Gun pilot address the audience was inspiring.

Ramirez Ramirez said the evening was very special and meaningful.

“It has been very special to have Mr. Swigart’s support over the last four years. He really cares about his students.

“The dinner was very interest-



Ebonia



Ramirez Ramirez

ing as the women in attendance were in the engineering field,” she said. “Hearing from other peoples’ points of view and how to keep working in a male-dominated field was really inspiring.”

Ramirez Ramirez will also attend UNR and major in civil engineering and plans to minor in another STEM field. She attended the banquet with her mother.

Both women also received Certificates of Achievement from Nevada Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto, Nevada Gov. Joe Lombardo and Carson City Mayor Lori Bagwell.

## JROTC Awards Night honors seniors

By Kianna Magno

Wooster’s JROTC Colt battalion honored its seniors and others at its annual Awards Night held in the Wooster large gym on April 27.

“It’s basically like a graduation ceremony. You call their name and you collect your award,” said Col. Kenneth Stynen Wooster Senior Army Instructor.

“This awards night has been the same every year, even despite COVID,” he said.

The night focuses mostly on senior accomplishments and honors.

“It’s mostly Wooster seniors who have been taking JROTC for all four years of high school. Around 40 to 50 kids attended this ceremony; not everyone gets awarded though,” Stynen said.



Cadet Ociel Rodriguez Ruvalcaba walks to the podium. He was selected as the Colt Battalion’s new Command Sergeant Major.

Awards cover a wide range of areas.

“It’s everything from the Superior Cadet award, which is the highest award, all the way down to the Best Squad Leader. There’s a large variety to rewards given by service organizations in the community,” Stynen said.

The awards consists of ribbons and medals which are worn on the cadet’s uniforms.

Wooster’ JROTC program is offered to all Wooster students and focuses on leadership while making students aware of their rights, responsibilities and privileges as American citizens.



# At the Flicks

**By Dania Mayorquin**

A variety of new and cool movies to watch will be coming out in the month of June. Here are the top five movies of the month and a few others thrown in:

“The Boogymen” opens June 2. If you like scary movies, this one is for you.

The movie takes place in the home of a little girl and her sister, who’s father talks to a psychiatrist that there is a creature lurking in their closet. It’s rated PG13.

He explains to her that the monster is trying to kill his children. “Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny” is the latest in the franchise that dates back to the 1980’s. It opens June 30.

A movie filled with typical Indiana Jones adventure that tags the audience along with the famed and aged archaeologist and Indiana Jones as he and his cronies try to escape a group of men who believe Jones has something they want. Rated PG-13.

“The Flash” is the latest installment in the DC universe and follows the latest adventures of the red speedster.

It opens on the big screen June 16. For those who have a love for the D.C. movies, get prepared to watch Berry Allen travel back in time and gets stuck in that time frame where General Zod has returned. Rated PG-13

All other super heros have disappeared and now it’s up to him to convince Batman to come out of retirement. Will the universe be saved?

“Spider-Man: Across the Spider Verse” is the latest installment in the Marvel universe and the Spiderman series. This film is not yet rated.

Opening on June 2, it follows the story line of after returning with Gwen Stacy to Brooklyn, full time Spider-Man goes missing into the universe.

He encounters a group of Spider-People who protects the universe and he’s fighting to know the rights and wrongs about what it means to be a hero.

“Elemental” follows along an unlikely pair, Ember (fire) and Wade (water) in a city where the elements of fire, water, and AI residents live together. The movie opens June 16 and it not yet rated.

For Chris Hensworth fan, he steps out of the role of Thor to star in “Extraction 2”. He plays a fearless black market mercenary

# Question of the Month

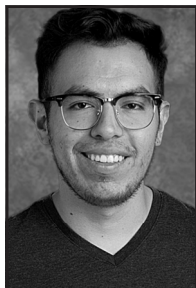
**By Dania Mayorquin**

What are your plans for summer break?

**Staff:**

“I will go visit family and spend time with them.”

– Yucui Liu



“My wife and I will be going to visit the bay for a weekend. My cousin is getting married like in July. So I’ll be planning to go to Seattle. From there nothing else except to travel.”

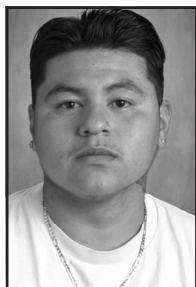
– Willie Vasquez

**Seniors:**

“This summer I’m going to enjoy the time I have with my friends before I start college in the fall.”



– Veronica Munoz



“This summer I’m going to turn it up. I’m going get home like 5 a.m., work, hangout with the boys.”

– Jesus Azanza Villalobos

**Juniors:**

“This summer I’m going on a trip to Houston Texas.” – Leslie De La Trinidad



“This summer I’m going to either apply at Peppermill and work at the pool or go to DFS and soccer tournaments.”

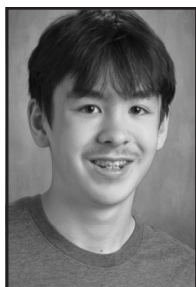
– Walter Garcia Vazquez

**Sophomores:**

“I plan to get a summer job, do summer weights and go to Colombia for an exchange program at the end of the summer, hopefully.”



–Nadia Montejano



“I’m going to go to Disney World.”

– Marvin Bousman

**Freshman:**

“I plan to work and go out to parties every Saturday.”

– Rihanna Godoy



“I plan to work and go to parties on the week-ends.”

– German Navarro Camacho

who embarks on the deadliest mission of his career. What seems lost... can still be extracted.

Stars Sam Hargrove, Stephen McFeely, Christopher Markus and Anthony Russo. It’s rated R.

With the weather warming up, it might be the perfect time to relax and have some fun, adventure and scary times At the Flicks.

Don’t forget the popcorn, hot dogs and other goodies.

# June Calendar

**Compiled by Staff**

- 1 Volleyball tournament, lunch, big gym  
After School tutoring, 2:30 - 4 p.m., Career Center
- 2 Volleyball open gym, 5 - 7 p.m., big gym  
Volleyball tournament, lunch, big gym  
After School tutoring, 2:30 - 4 p.m., Career Center
- 5 Senior Grad trip to Six Flags Vallejo  
Volleyball tournament, lunch, big gym  
After School tutoring, 2:30 - 4 p.m., Career Center
- 6 Boys basketball open gym, 6 - 8 p.m., big gym  
Volleyball tournament, lunch, big gym  
After School tutoring, 2:30 - 4 p.m., Career Center
- 7 Boys basketball open gym, 6 - 8 p.m., big gym
- 8 Volleyball tournament, lunch, big gym  
After School tutoring, 2:30 - 4 p.m., Career Center
- 9 Volleyball open gym, 5 - 7 p.m., big gym  
Cheer Fitting, 5 - 8 p.m., Multipurpose room
- 12 Volleyball tournament, lunch, big gym  
Cheer Fitting, 5 - 8 p.m., Multipurpose room
- 13 Semester Finals, 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- 14 Boys basketball open gym, 6 - 8 p.m., big gym
- 16 Semester Finals, 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- 27 Semester Finals, 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Last day of school
- 28 Graduation, Lawlor Events Center, 2:30 - 4 p.m.
- 29 Summer Jam Basketball Tournament, 2 - 10 p.m., Big, small gym
- Summer Jam Basketball Tournament, 2 - 10 p.m., Big, small gym
- Summer Jam Basketball Tournament, 2 - 10 p.m., Big, small gym

# Gamer’s Corner

**By Esdras Mora**

EA or Electronic Art Studio released a game called “Star Wars: Jedi Survivor” on April 28.

This was a very anticipated game of the year as it is the sequel to “Star Wars: Fallen Order” which was a massive success due to its open world combat and unique and versatile fighting style using a lightsaber and the force.

Therefore the player experience was uniquely different for every player.

The game follows a Jedi Padawon, Cal Kestis, after the Galactic Republic is overthrown and replaced by the empire. It explores his journey to evade the empire and become a Jedi knight.

However, on the first day of release players began to play and immediately realized the game felt janky and incomplete. The performance of the game made it very difficult for the game’s good aspects to shine through. This included the story, the motion controls, visuals and once again the combat.

The game running on less than 60 frames per second on PC which is best described as watching a slide show on a projector.

On console, the hit box mechanics were a mess and would become a serious issue due to it meddling with one of the best aspects of the game which was combat.

People who purchased the game were upset due to EA’s greed to

push out an incomplete game with a record price point of \$70 and being a 3A game, the highest ranking a game can receive.

In addition, the staff at EA in another game called “Apex,” which is an online survival game, has updates pushed out every month to keep the game popular and intriguing.

These types of games require quality assurance testers, giving feedback and reporting any bugs in the game, before making the update to the public.

Despite their vital role in the games production, 200-plus quality assurance testers were fired in a single zoom call by EA, without warning or reason.

Furthermore, EA has stated they will update “Jedi Survivor” and “patch it up” which has outraged the public as a product should be functional and complete upon release.

Now EA is facing the backlash and is expecting boycotts on future releases.

## Seniors

**Step up and buy your senior yearbook!!  
Only you can save the yearbook for ending publication after this year.**

**\$85  
See Mr. Baer TODAY  
in room C7!**



## Baseball rebuilding Wooster's legendary program

By Dylan Riggan

The Wooster Colts baseball program is in the process of rebuilding and is fielding both a junior varsity and varsity team this season.

Both teams are young with only four seniors, James Traversie, Ivan Strunk, Kenneth Rather and Ayden Sampson in the program. The majority of both teams is made up of underclassmen.

This is a vast improvement from last year when the Colts only had a varsity squad.

"We have had our fair share of challenges, but I'm proud of how the team is coming together and competing," said first-year varsity coach Allen Ballard.

The bad weather has been a reoccurring issue for the baseball team this season.

"It was very difficult to practice from mid February to March.

We had to move practice to gyms and many practices were cancelled," Ballard said.

"Our first 'home' game was at Golden Eagle Baseball complex. We appreciate administration supporting us and making that



Sophomore Christopher Ballard leads the Colts in batting average and on-base percentage. (Photo courtesy Pegasus)

happen," said Ballard.

With the weather improving, so should the condition of Wooster field.

"The field should be able to handle some additional moisture. If it gets worse we will look at gym use, games off site, facility rentals, or maybe we build a dome."

Learning the baseball basics is important for the Colts and playing experience is helping in the process.

"We've been playing better baseball each week," Ballard said. "We are rebuilding with only four returning seniors and many freshman and sophomores on the varsity team."

The baseball team has 12 total freshman on the roster, and Ballard said he can see some real talent in them.

"You could see some real im-

provement after we added seven more coaches in February. We're working on the field and facilities to make Wooster a destination for baseball players," he said.

Despite the challenges, Ballard enjoys coaching.

"I enjoy the prep and organizational elements of running a program, and of course competition on game day," he said, but it's about getting to know these student athletes and providing stability in their lives.

"I enjoy guiding them through the lessons we learn on and off the field."

The Colts are currently 3-14 overall and 1-10 in the 3A North Western division

They are led by sophomore Christopher Ballard hitting .500 with .571 on base percentage. Charles Northon leads the Colts pitching staff with 1.83 earned run average.

The Colts will wrap up their season with a three-game away series with the Hug Hawks on April 28-29 and final three-game home stand on May 5-6 against the North Valleys Panthers.

## Walsh into NIAA Hall of Fame

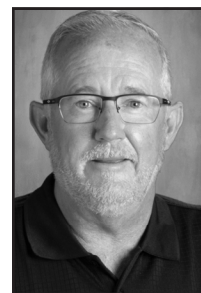
By Mark Pailey

Former Wooster assistant principal and athletic administrator Charlie Walsh is one of this year's 11 inductees to the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association Hall of Fame.

Walsh graduated from Western High School in Las Vegas in 1980 where he was named Most Valuable in Cross Country and Track and Field.

He was a three-time Track and Field Coach of the year in Southern Nevada and served as athletic director and administrator for 10 years at each Sparks and Wooster High Schools.

He served multiple terms as League President, Board Liaison and as a member of various committees. He is a past NADA President and State Award of Merit honoree.



Walsh

## Golfers battle weather, low numbers

By Destanee Butler

The Wooster boys golf team is about half way through the season, with only four tournaments left.

"This season has been great to have three new players, but the weather has drastically limited our practice time," said coach Michael McKemy, "and there aren't many places safe for indoor practice, seeing that golf is an outdoor sport."

The Colts team consists of only four players: seniors Ethan Hudspeth and James McComb, sophomore Kyler Molino and freshman Rayne Marquez. What the Colts lack in numbers, they make up in commitment and work ethic.

Coach McKemy likes helping players learn the game, and watching them grow as an athlete and student. He also enjoys being outside in the afternoons.

The team hasn't completed as a team yet. They will in the last four tournaments. The Colts cannot win any team matches due to team numbers, but can compete on an individual basis.

Coach McKemy thinks the team



Wooster golf team from left to right: Rayne Marquez, Ethan Hudspeth, Kyler Molino and James McComb.

will work hard, stay calm and play the best golf they can.

It's an individual sport that allows the teams to compete together, so they won't know how well they do until they finish.

"Our biggest strengths on the team are good work ethic, players are coachable, and they have some of the most experienced coaches to help the players improve," said McKemy. "The

weaknesses on the team are they only have four players, a larger team allows for competition and improvement on their games."

The Colts played in matches in Lowry and Fallon on April 17 and 18 and will wrap the regular season with matches at Genoa and Silver Sage golf courses on May 1 and 2.

Regional dates and locations have yet to be determined.

## Softball team hoping to get back to regionals

By Makayla Odelacy

The Wooster varsity softball team is starting fresh for the 2023 season with a change in coaching staff and coaching philosophy.

Head coach Ed Remillard has taken over the program and will be assisted by coach Rhyann Kindrick.

The Colts will only field a varsity team this season.

The season is going good for the team.

"The softball season is good. We are striving to get better everyday," Remillard said.

The Colts are currently 4-8 overall and have a 4-2 record in the 3A North Western division.

With nine returners this season and six new players, the team had to learn to work together.

"There has been a lot of improvement since the beginning of the year. We have some inexperienced players who are steadily improving," Remillard said.

Returning senior Ciarra Foakes said that last year was more fun and interesting.

"It's a lot more serious [this year] which I think is crazy since it's high school



Senior Ciarra Foakes anchors first base for the Colts and is one of nine returners to the team.

softball, but it's fine," she said.

Returning junior Chesney Sampson also thinks that it's more of a serious season this year.

"Softball this year is more diverse and the coaching is more focused," Sampson said.

Remillard wants to qualify for regionals after two year drought by the Colts.

"We will have to do exceptionally well for that to happen," he said.

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## Eleven inducted into Hall of Fame

By Ed Murrow

Ten athletes and one coach were inducted into the Wooster Hall of Fame on April 22 in a ceremony held at The Silver Legacy.

Jack Brewer a long-time Colts varsity football coach and teacher coach at Wooster from 1983-1999 was part of the staff that propelled the Colts to its 36-game winning streak in the 1980's and six state football championships.

He was the Southern California of the Year in 1980 and coached in four high school all-star games. He taught history at Wooster.

He said his favorite football memory was the hit by Brian Callahan in a game against Borah High School in Idaho that silenced the crowd.

The Wooster boys 1992-1993 relay team of Torrey Schweickert, Won Lee, Nick Dastolfo, Nate Edwards and Larry Middleton won the Nevada state championship in the 4x400 relay race in Las Vegas defeating a highly favored Las Vegas team.

They also set a school record in the 4x400 and 4x100 meter relays, Nevada state meet record in the 4x100 relay, took first place in the zone championships in the 4x100 relay and the zone meet record in the 4x100 meter relay. All members said their high school events created life-long friendships for them.

Tony Clements was four-year letterman for the Colts football and ski team. He received numerous awards as an offensive lineman including being chosen for the all-metro team and first team all-conference and all-state teams.

He is currently teaching anatomy and physiology and biology at Sparks High School. The coached the Railroaders football team for 15 years as an offensive and defensive line coach.

Austin "Augie" Young was a three-sport athlete during his four years at Wooster playing football, basketball and running track.

He earned all-metro and all-conference awards as a defensive back, second team all-state honors as a defensive back and all-metro and all-league honors as a wide

*Athlete of the month*

## Montarbo's hard work pays off

By Isis Garcia Cruz

Sophomore Shawn Montarbo was selected as athlete of the month. The JV baseball outfielder was nominated by varsity baseball coach Allen Ballard.

"I want to recognize Shawn's passion for the game, his hard work and dedication," Ballard said. "Shawn has improved



Wooster Hall of Fame inductees, from left to right: Torrey Schweickert, Tony Clements, Austin Young, Nate Edwards, Jason Scott, Ryan Peirce, Jason Perryman, Nick Dastolfo, Jack Brewer and Won Lee. Not pictured: Larry Middleton.

receiver. He was second team all-league in basketball and was the Colts team most valuable player.

He is currently a Physician Assistant in Boise, Idaho, specializing in adult reconstruction of hips and knees.

Jason Perryman graduated from Wooster in 1995 and starred in football and ice hockey.

His awards include first-team all state running back and linebacker, all metro player of the year and first-team all metro running back and linebacker.

He attended the University of Saskatchewan in Canada where he was named first-team Canada West kick returner and second-team Canada West running back.

He works for Mars Petcare and keeps busy with his family of his wife and five children and three grandchildren.

Ryan Peirce was another three-sport athlete to star at Wooster. He played football, basketball and was a member of the Colts track and field team.

He led the Colts to the 1994 football state championship and was an prep All-American honorable mention and a Wendy's High School Heisman nominee. He received numerous state, zone, division and metro football awards and was the Media Player of the Year in football. He was also the Colts team captain

in basketball. He was a Wooster academic scholar finishing with a 3.96 GPA.

He is the chief executive officer of Novo Logistics, a nation-wide third party logistics company that employs 700 team members. He is also a managing member/owner of Spruce a local building services company.

He is married with one child and said, "Wooster helped transform me into who I am today."

Jason Scott was instrumental in the Colts 1994 state championship football run. He was selected for football first teams for the state, division, metro conference recognition. He was the Colts defensive most valuable player and earned the Striker and Most Courageous Awards.

After high school, Scott moved to Los Angeles to pursue a career in show business. He has been a professional actor for over 25 years and appeared in more than 60 films and television projects. He now concentrates on screen writing with over a dozen of his shows and movies having been produced.

Scott still hold the Wooster school record for mist tackles in a season with 100 and is second all-time for tackles and assists with 134.

The evening was hosted by Bo, Joe Mac and Luke Sellers along with Dick Allen.

considerably since the start of the season. He is loved by his team mates and the team rally's around him."

Ballard said Montarbo



Montarbo

gives his best effort and has a great attitude. He helps set up and is the first to arrive to practice. He is a hard worker and selfless.

"Shawn's monster performance with 2 hits including a double and 3 steals against Hug JV propelled Wooster to a 15-2 victory,"

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## Swimmers targeting upcoming regionals

By Emma Kennedy

With regional competition looming in the next two weeks, Wooster swimmers are working on producing their best event time to qualify.

"This year's swim team consistently has been swimming their best times," said Wooster swim coach Susan Schraeder.

The Colts girls are lead by senior Caroline Perry, juniors Lilian White and Merryn Anderson and freshman Margot Gould.

Juniors Yash Sharma and Jacques Peuchaud and freshman William Garcia have been the top performers for the boys team.

Many of the Colt swimmers have already established time to qualify for regionals.

The swim team has been working two one-hour practices and two two-hour practices a week at Northwest Pool and the Lombardi Recreation Center on the University of Nevada, Reno campus.



Senior Caroline Perry will lead the Colts' swim team into regional competition.

The Colts currently compete in the Northern Nevada 5A league against larger schools that have many club swimmers on their rosters. Next year, Wooster will compete in the 3A league where they will be more competitive as a team.

This year the girls have won one meet so far this season.

## Track team establishing itself; looks to regionals

By Belleteny Manzo

English teacher Daniel Wexelblatt is the Colts new head coach this season and he said the challenges of the position have "increasingly scattered brained over the past four or five months."

However, he said he has been able to get past it with the help and support from his assistant coaches.

There is currently 27 students on the Colts track and field team with senior Jayvien Horne as the team captain.

Horne is one of the top two athletes on the team and has set a new personal record in the 200 meters with a time of 24.68 seconds.

Senior Morgan Johns holds the fastest time for the 200 meters on the team.

Both Horne and Wexelblatt have expressed the team's goal is to place high in regionals this year.

So far seven out of eight JV girls finished the JV Championship held at North Valleys High School achieving new personal records and finishing top three among the northern Nevada 3A JV for the season.

All nine JV boys finished the JV Championships by achieving a new personal record or took part in a relay team personal records.

"Track isn't for the weak. It



Senior Jayvien Horne is one of the leaders for the Colts track and field team this season.

takes time and effort to improve," said Wexelblatt. "But the moment you join, you won't regret it. You'll build connections that are unbreakable."

The Colts will point to the regional 3A track meet at Reed High School on May 12-13 and the state meet on May 19-20 at Liberty High School in Las Vegas.

**UPDATE**

The Wooster boys 4 x 100 relay See Update, page 7



## Golfers hold tournament

By Mapui'ana Talumi

Wooster's disc golf club held its first tournament, Panic at the Disc Golf, on May 23-24 after school on campus.

The tournament was open to all students and staff with a total of 30 participants signed up for the tournament.

Math teacher Derek Vaughan is the club adviser.

The tournament required \$5 entry fee with participants paying \$25 to get three discs and a shirt to enjoy playing with the team.

The entry fees will be used to purchase prizes for the tournament that include disc golf bags

and cover the cost for the tournament shirts, Vaughan said.

The club has been adding members and practices any chance they get.

"We play at courses around town and now can play at Wooster High School," Vaughan said.

"Our club has about 15 active members, but we need more," he said. "Many are graduating this year."

The club won a \$5,000 grant from the Dolan Auto Group in the fall and used the money to purchase disc golf baskets and discs for the club to use.

Students interested in joining the club can contact Derek Vaughan in room B3.

## Senior week May 22-26

By Yasmin Hernandez Diaz

The week of May 22-26 was senior week with senior events such as dress up days celebrating the Class of 2023.

Monday was wear your college gear, with students showing their school spirit and showing off what college or university they will attend.

Tuesday was dress as your baby self or a senior citizen.

Wednesday was culture day, where students wore traditional or native clothing and show off their culture.

Thursday was senior ditch day where all the senior did not attend class and could be found at Lake Tahoe or other locations.

Friday had the most events for seniors, with senior sunset, field day and things such as red out and the visit to Wooster feeder schools.

## IB enrollment declines

By Darcy Lo

Wooster is known for its International Baccalaureate program, where students build critical thinking skills, create strong academic characteristics, and solve complex problems through rigorous curriculums.

However, in recent years the program has seen a steady decrease in incoming freshmen well before the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. This is ultimately due to the district's decision to create a Signature Academy at each school.

"It's difficult to convince a student who only wants STEM that they're better off with IB," said Jennifer Lienau, Wooster's IBDP Coordinator. "They don't understand that the emphasis on analysis and critical thinking, and being able show what

one knows versus the ability to memorize facts, is more beneficial, and that it teaches a student how to be successful in any and all subjects."

The incoming freshman numbers for the upcoming year are the smallest it's ever been.

However, if allowed by the district to directly recruit at each middle school, the program may see a rise in numbers again.

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Ballard said.

Montarbo said the season went great. He liked meeting new people and he said he liked the sport because it was fun.

When asked about how he felt about being nominated for athlete of the month, he said, "pretty good."

## Canvas platform to replace Teams

By Kianna Magno

With the start of the 2023-24 school year, Microsoft Teams will be replaced by the Canvas platform as the Washoe County School District digital learning platform for all students.

Canvas is a course management systems that supports on-line learning and teaching. Teachers can post grades, information and assignments all on-line

"The WCSD wants students to use the same learning management system that is used in colleges and universities in Nevada to prepare students for better success in higher education," said Terra Graves who is the coordinator for 21st Century Learning for the school district.

The Nevada Department of Education has started creating Nevada academic content standards-aligned instructional material for teachers to access through Canvas Commons, Graves said.

Canvas has many of the same

features that student may be used to seeing on Teams. They will just look different and may be called something else. This includes discussion boards, assignments and e-mail. The one noticeable difference between the two platforms is Canvas does not have video conferencing and will require a third-party application such as Zoom.

The current plan is to have high schools using Canvas next school year. However, Graves said that all current plans could be subject to change.

"High schools will begin using Canvas next school year," Graves said. "Middle schools will begin using it in school years 2024-25. Lastly, elementary schools will begin using Canvas in 2025-26."

Teachers will be provided with online training during professional learning days. All WCSD teachers will receive prior training at the start of the 2023-24 school year.

However, until the Canvas plat-

form is integrated into the middle school and elementary school levels, those levels will continue to use Teams as their platform.

"Canvas will be the only approved platform for blended learning, but schools will continue using Team until the Canvas rollout is completed," Graves said. "Teachers may continue to use Teams for teacher-to-teacher communications."

If distance learning is required at any time in the future, it will be done through the Canvas platform.

Graves said the Canvas platform is much more complex than Teams.

Canvas will sync grades with Infinite Campus and parent can use a separate login to see what their student is doing in class in Canvas," she said.

Canvas offers many professional learning aspects.

"It is a robust platform and can serve the needs for blended learning in our k-12 classrooms and for professional learning," Graves said.

## Griffis selected battalion commander

By Makayla Ondelacy

Junior Trinity Griffis has been chosen as the Wooster Colts Battalion new battalion commander for the school year 2023-24.

"Five students interviewed for the position during the week prior to determine the best candidate for the job. We have to pick a new leader for the Colt Battalion every year because people graduate," said Senior Army Instructor Col. Kenneth Stynen. "The interview questions were leadership questions. Applicants also submit a resume and an essay describing why they think they would be a good fit for the position."

"It feels great to be the new battalion commander. I'm so glad that the instructors and my peers trust me with this position and I hope to live up to their expectations," Griffis said.

She had to write an essay, submit a student resume, and attend a board where all the instructors asked her multiple questions regarding her becoming the new battalion commander.

Stynen was looking for a student who will be able to lead or influence the rest of the JROTC students so that they will be able to accomplish their annual tasks.

Griffis is ready to take on the role and is very confident that she will make a good change next year.

"I have a lot of plans on how to improve the program and bring a name to it around the school," she said. "I know the gen-

eral opinion of JROTC kids is that they're weird (and honestly a lot of us are), but I don't want us to keep a negative view on the program when so many people truly benefit from being here."

The JROTC cadets also host many food drives and other things that will help the community.

"Our goal as a battalion is to help the community and we host food drives and car washes to help. In class, we learn about how to be a better citizen by learning discipline and leadership skills which are the core of the program," Griffis said.

The battalion commander of Class of 2022 was Cheyanne Horton and she learned many things throughout her experience.

"I learned how to be very professional in situations where teachers/instructors were not professional," she said.

She enjoyed her role as the commander a lot, she was ready for it and took it on as best as she could.

"I enjoyed the leadership role of being battalion commander for the most part. There is always ups and downs but one thing I enjoyed about the position is the other students in the program because they make it more enjoyable."

As the new commander is going



Griffis

to step in, Horton is ready for Griffis to take on her new role.

"I believe the new battalion commander and the battalion leadership are going to do great. The new commander was set up for success and she is very motivated and confident which will help her achieve everything she wants," Horton said.

Griffis is very confident about changing the JROTC program in a good way.

"I think it is important to note that the only reason we can continue as a program is through cadet participation. We have the second largest JROTC program in the district, and retaining cadets who are truly motivated and passionate about the program is vital to becoming stronger each year," Griffis said.

## Update



Wooster's 4x100 relay team.

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team took third place at the state meet and posted the third fastest time in school history.

Seniors Jayvien Horne, Morgan Johns and sophomores Kario Castillo and Daemian Guzman set the mark racing out of lane eight.



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## Band students honored

By Belleteny Manzo

The results of the Nevada Music Educators Association Solo and Ensemble Festival competition is in and four Wooster students were honored for their performances.

The competition was re-scheduled many times due to the snow days and ended up becoming a virtual band competition.

Sophomore Rodrigo Martel, received a blue medal and a superior rating for his Trumpet Solo Spica and an excellent rating and a red Medal along with sophomore Liam Penrod for their trumpet/horn duet.

Junior Athena Baquiano and freshman Jesus Ruiz Fuentes received an excellent rating and a red medal for their Alto Sax/flute duet.

Trevor Wilson received an excellent rating and a red medal for his snare solo.

Band teacher Sarah Bartrum said she was disappointed due to the students not being able to have that exciting in person experience. She also expresses how she wished for her students to experience hearing other students warm up and getting pointers tips from judges in person.

"They get a lot of in-person feedback from a judge that is generally an expert in their instrument or at least in their family of instruments and they



Martel Rodriguez



Baquiano



Ruiz Fuentes



Penrod



Wilson

really don't get that advantage this year."

Bartrum also said how proud she is of her students and how they scored very well.

"They did an outstanding job playing in the competition and there was a lot excitement in their performances," Bartrum said. She hopes for new students to join the band program and for the students to be able to go to band festivals and go on trips to perform in different places.

## Autoshop skills to be added to metals class

By Dylan Riggan

The metal shop is an integral part of Wooster High School and recently there has been some speculation of some "auto shop" type class coming to Wooster.

Metal shop teacher Bo Sellers seemed to like the idea of teaching an auto shop class.

Sellers said an auto shop class would be, "A good way to teach these kids life skills they will need in their future" and "a lot of fun to teach."

However, the proposed the auto shop class was denied by Wooster

principal Leah Keuscher, and won't be coming as an individual class to be taken at Wooster.

Instead of having a dedicated auto shop class, Sellers is planning to get rid of "metalworking III" and transform it into an auto shop /metal shop class.

"The class of 2024-2025 will be the first to have this new class available to them," Seller said.

Although Wooster won't be getting a dedicated auto shop class, Sellers plans to incorporate auto shop work into his metalworking class.

## Cheer holds tryouts

By Mapui'ana Talumni

Cheer tryouts were held May 16-18 on Wooster's football field for next fall.

Many returners made the senior-heavy squad with a good number of juniors.

Students are required to maintain a 2.0 grade point average and complete all the necessary requirements of register my athlete. The members are also required to run a mile and stretch as part of their regimen.

## New mural decorates C Hall



By Mark Pailey

Students from Reena Spansail's mural art class recently completed their mural on the south wall of C Hall.

The mural was a class project that was started in February and required an estimated 1,000 man hours to complete.

Students worked on the mural during their seminar class and when teachers from other classes allowed them to work during off class times.

Denise Diaz Martinez, Valeria Anguiano Torres, Jorge Gomez Rodriguez, Anais Ayala Anguiano and Gabriel Ayala were the student artists who contributed to the mural.

"The images in the mural represent aspects of the Hispanic cul-

ture said Gabriel Ayala and Anais Ayala Anguiano. "It includes thing we grew up with or where we grew up. The butterfly relates to where our parents grew up."

The mural also contains images of the Aztec calendar and an Aztec temple.

The mural was not exempt from a little controversy. The original plans for the mural called for a rendition of the Virgin Mary. However, some students and faculty objected to the religious imagery. The artists were told if that image remained in the mural it would be painted over.

"So we replaced that image with mascots from famous candy brands, Ayala Anguiano said.

The response to the mural has been positive from both Spansail, students and faculty.

"We kept Mrs. Spansail apprised of our progress on a weekly basis," said Ayala.

One of the artists' concerns about the mural was if other students would mark the painting.

"The students were respectful of our work and didn't mark on it," said Ayala.

The project was complete using acrylic paint.

### Athlete of the Month

## Horne excels as a leader

From staff reports

Senior Jayvien Horne has been selected as *Hoofprints'* athlete of the month.

He was nominated by track and field

coach Daniel Wexelblatt.

"Jayvien has been a team leader all season and has worked very hard to earn his achievements this season," Wexelblatt said.

Horne was a member of the Colts 4 x 100 relay team that took third place in 3A state meet and posted the third fastest time in school history.

"He has been an outstanding mentor to our younger track athletes," Wexelblatt said.



Horne

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