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Buckeye Union High School District

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BUHSD 201

March 2022



A message from
the Superintendent

Dr. Steve Bebee

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- *May 18th Learning Center Graduation, 5pm at the Learning Center
- *May 18th Youngker Graduation, 8pm at the Goodyear Ballpark
- *May 19th Estrella Foothills Graduation, 8pm at the Goodyear Ballpark
- *May 20th Buckeye Union Graduation, 8pm at the Goodyear Ballpark

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Buckeye Union-@buckeyeunionhawks



Estrella Foothills-@EstrellaFoothills



Youngker-@YoungkerHS



Learning Center-@BUHSDLC



Superintendent, Dr. Bebee-@SBebee_BUHSD



District-@BUHSD



Dear BUHSD Parents, Guardians, and Staff,

As we prepare to move into the final quarter of the 2021-22 school year, we want to prepare all of you for what will be a very busy spring. Every school year the spring semester seems to go by faster and faster and we must really work hard to stay out in front of things. One of the things that we feel might help our cause this spring is that the COVID pandemic we have all been living through the past two years, appears to be on a steady decline and we are looking forward to many of those end of year activities taking place that way they did prior to the pandemic. We look forward to our students being able to attend their Junior/Senior Proms the way they did pre-pandemic, and we are very excited about being able to have a graduate processional again at our site graduations in May. As a school district and a community, we have worked very well together to minimize the impact that COVID has had on those school experiences that are so important to our students and their families. We are grateful to everyone who has taken such a collaborative approach to do what is best for our students during these tough times. As we return from spring break and set our sites on the end of the school year, we are also starting to look forward to the summer months. With COVID numbers on a constant decline we are preparing our site administration, coaches, sponsors, and staff to be ready to return to those normal camps and activities that have always taken place over the summer prior to the pandemic. We want our current students and our incoming students who are joining the district to have the opportunity to take advantage of those summer activities that are so important to students and complete their high school careers. As we move closer to the end of this school year we can only hope the end of this pandemic is also near and that we can begin to speak about it in past tense. I would like to say "thank you" to our teachers, support staff, and administrators who have worked diligently this school year to try and bring "normal" back into our schools. We appreciate the students and families that we serve, and we thank our parents and guardians for trusting us with the responsibility of providing your children the quality of education that we are able to provide. We look forward to a successful end to the 2021-22 school year and we are excited for the possibilities that the 2022-23 school year will bring. I hope you all have a great Spring and I look forward to seeing you on our campuses and at our spring events.

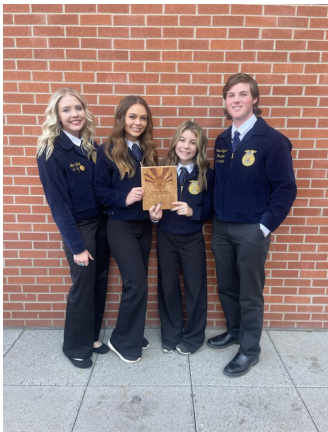
Sincerely,
Dr. Steve Bebee
Superintendent



FFA- STATE CHAMPIONS!!

The past month was a busy month for Buckeye FFA! They started the long weekend off with Buckeye Ag Days held at Buckeye Union High School. Many of the students showed a variety of livestock animals while the FFA Alumni group raised over \$10,000 in scholarships for our seniors! A huge thank you to the staff that showed up to watch and support our students.

February 19-23 they celebrated National FFA Week. The staff at Buckeye Union High School all received goody bags with a variety of items that were all tied to agriculture meanings.



The Buckeye FFA Chapter took over 40 students down to U of A to compete in a variety of Career Development Events in February. These students have been working hard since November to prepare for their contests.

They competed against all other Ag Programs in the state of Arizona to receive the following titles: **Livestock Judging-State Champions:** Cade Haggard - 2nd High Individual, Lexi Hunt- 1st high Individual, Gaby Utz, and Kelsie Brooks. **AG Mech:** Jaxsen John, Brady Lambrecht, Drew Lambrecht, and Zach Green. **Agronomy 5t Place Team:** Porter May, Parker Melton, Adam Maher, Chad Odom. **Dairy Judging- 4th Place Team:** Riley Wood, Jesus Pino, Tate Rheindhart, Emma Cardew -8th Place Individual. **Horse Judging:** Tessa John. **Job Interview:** Emily Saucedo-8th Place Individual, and Lizbeth Ortiz-10th Place individual. **Meats Judging 6th place team:** Riley Baer, Omar Medina, Oscar Quevedo, and Talon Lewis. **Soils Judging 3rd Place Team:** Maddy Accomazzo, Day Bourg-Coats-6th Place Individual, Fiona Libberton-9th Place Individual, and Tate Wood. **Poultry: 4th Place Team:** Adam Ramirez, Brady Lambrecht, Grace Davilla, Lute Sawyer, **Range Management: 7th Place Team:** Taytum Stuhr, Taylynd Stuhr, Jonathan Baker, Zachary Vanosdell, **Aquaculture: 4th Place Team:** Nathaniel Tripp- 6th Place Individual, Drew Lambrecht, Owen Smorong - 5th Place Individual, Summer Ponce DeLeon, **Vet Tech: 10th Place Team:** Lily Ryder, Morgan Ryder, Bailey Todd, Shayne Frye, **Advanced Tool ID:** Jaxsen John- 3rd Place Individual , Parker Melton, Porter May, Adam Maher and lastly the **Greenhand Tool ID:** Chad Odom, Zach Hernly, and Tate Wood.

The Buckeye Union Career and Technical Education Department would like to recognize their CTE Excellence Teacher Spotlights this month. These teachers have continued to shine in Career and Technical Education and their Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSO) at their schools. Congratulations to all!

Lacy Kirk from Buckeye Union High School

CTE Graphic Design Teacher-3 years
FBLA Media Advisor

Tricia Schultz from Estrella Foothills High School

CTE Tech Theatre Teacher-19 years
SkillsUSA Advisor

Eric Chapman from Youngker High School

CTE Film & TV Teacher-4 years
SkillsUSA Advisor

LACY KIRK
Buckeye -Graphic

TRICIA SCHULTZ
Estrella-Tech Theatre

ERIC CHAPMAN
Youngker-Film & TV

CTE
Excellence
Spotlight



EFHS ROBOTICS STATE TOURNAMENT

The EFHS Senior Robotics were great leaders and mentors this year, and are leaving the program in a better place than the one they entered into four years ago. We are so proud of these individuals for representing Estrella Foothills so well.

The JV (Team #7156) was made up of nine freshmen and two sophomores. The fact that they have done so well this season, being so young, definitely brings confidence in the future of their program. The EFHS coach stated, that there were certainly a lot of learning opportunities this season, and the state tournament was full of them as well.

Both teams were met with some technical difficulties throughout the day, causing them to not finish as high as they had hoped. Although the end of the season did not result in the high expectations they put on themselves, it was still a great finish to a great season!

Team #5661 our Varsity Wolves Robotics team went 6-1 on the day and finished 9th overall in the Saguaro Division.

**Match 1: W 132-92
Match 2: W 40-0
Match 3: L 47-114
Match 4: W 96-34
Match 5: W 133-81
Match 6: W 185-78
Match 7: W 118-103**

Team #7156 our JV Wolves Robotics 2 team went 5-1 on the day and finished 7th overall in the Grand Canyon Division.

**Match 1: W 141-121
Match 2: W 106-63
Match 3: W 162-51
Match 4: L 161-229
Match 5: W 146-121
Match 6: W 94-89**

Varsity (Team #5661) was made up primarily of seniors:

**Ivan Barron
Matthew Cole
Lindsay Davis
Nathan Fritz
Jack Morris
Armando Rodriguez Beltran
Jesus Serratos
Christian Smith
Caleb Swapp**

Special shout out to Mrs. Ramos who helped Team #7156 in a big way, sending screen shots of their code from their laptop that was left at school, so that JV could work through a technical error at the tournament.



Staff Recognition

March Employee of the Month

Award Recipient	School	Job Title
Joe Kinney	Buckeye Union	Assistant Principal
William Wright	Estrella Foothills	Assistant Principal
Erin Hoffmann	Buckeye Union	Guidance Counselor
Michael Haslanger	Buckeye Union	Teacher- Drama
Mark Adams	Estrella Foothills	Teacher-CTE Carpentry
Esther Celaya	Youngker	Teacher-Math
Micah Blaisdell	Youngker	Teacher- English
Brandon Hagen	Buckeye Union	Network Technician II
Erika Ortega	Buckeye Union	Admin Asst- Attendance
Juan Cruz	Buckeye Union	Security Guard
Pete Alva	Buckeye Union	Security Guard
Irela Higuera	Maintenance and Transportation	Lead Custodian

Student Recognition

March Future Ready Students of the Month



Christopher Holtermann attends Buckeye Union High School and is the President of Student Council, Honor National Society, Hawk Crew, Key Club, and Theatre. Christopher stated that after high school he plans to go to EMCC to minor in Biology, and from there he would go pursue his pathway to become an Ultra Sound Technician.

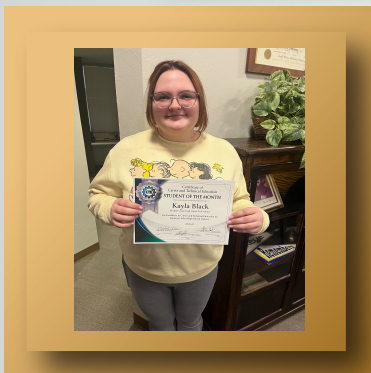


Lindsay Davis has been accepted to the University of Arizona's W.A. FRANKE HONORS COLLEGE where she will be majoring in Neuro and Cognitive Science's. In the last month Lindsay received 3 different full ride merit scholarships.

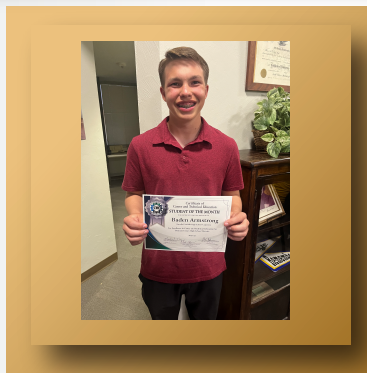


Aurora Marshall is part of YHS Student Council Honors Society, Science Nationals Honors Society, and HOSA Sports Medicine. Aurora plans to attend Northern Arizona University at the Honors college where she received a full ride scholarship. She will be majoring in Exercise Science and in hopes be accepted to the Physical Therapy Program.

March CTE Students of the Month



Kayla Black
Buckeye Union



Baden Armstrong
Estrella Foothills



Alicia Contreras
Youngker