



# Hancock County Educational Service Center



"Meeting Student Needs Through Cooperative Efforts"

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## Students and Staff Receive Special Recognition

For the twenty-fourth year, the Hancock County Educational Service Center, with the assistance of Stapleton Insurance Group, First Federal Bank, Medical Mutual Health Services and Quantum Coordinated Healthcare, have recognized each of the nominees for the Franklin B. Walter All-Scholastic Award who are the top students in the Hancock County Schools. These students from each of the eight local schools received a certificate and a \$300.00 scholarship check to further recognize their outstanding academic and co-curricular efforts.

Importantly, each of these students also selected their "Most Influential Teachers," and in turn, they wrote a narrative as to why their educators were chosen for this special honor. These teachers received a framed a copy of these complimentary remarks, as well as an appropriate memento.

Listed below are the Franklin B. Walter nominees as well as their "Most Influential Teachers":

- Arcadia: **Justen Stoner** selected **Barb Tidd** - (H. S. Science)
- Arlington: **Isabelle Riegle** chose **Amanda Miller** - (Biology I/II)
- Cory-Rawson: **Riley Garmatter** selected **Wendie Swary** - (Grade Four English/Math)
- Liberty-Benton: **Chloe Kin** chose **Chad Marzec** (Physical Science)
- McComb: **Alysha Like** selected **Stacy Palmer** – (Government/History)
- Riverdale: **Elijah Weber** chose **Eric Sudlow** – (Junior High Social Studies)
- Van Buren: **Amber Pisarsky** selected **Adam Schumaker** – (Biology/Chemistry)
- Vanlue: **Lauren Kin** chose **Lindsay Sandor** – (H.S. Math)

### Two ESC stalwarts - Jackson and Cassidy Retiring

With a combined total of seventy years in education, with forty-five of those being with the Hancock County ESC, **Micheale-Lynn Jackson** and **Jane Cassidy** have decided to retire at the conclusion of the current school year. Micheale-Lynn has been a *Speech/Language Pathologist* for thirty-six years, with the last twenty-two being with the Hancock County ESC. Jane has thirty-four years of teaching experience, with the last twenty-three years as a *Preschool Teacher* for the ESC. Both of these professionals have had extraordinary careers in education -- **they are model educators**. Micheale-Lynn and Jane have positively touched so many young people; and beyond a doubt, **THEY WILL BE MISSED!**

### Junior High/Middle School Quiz Bowl Results

On Monday, March 9, the Hancock County Junior High/Middle School Quiz Bowl season concluded with its annual tournament, which was held at St. Michael's School with seventy-two students participating. The team from **St. Michael's School** was the *Tournament Champion*, with the team from **Riverdale** finishing as *Runner-up*. Interestingly, the team from **Riverdale** was the *League Champion*, with a regular season record of 7-1, with **St. Michael's** finishing as *Runner-up* in the league.

Members of the **Riverdale** team were as follows: **Brody Bolenbaugh, Alex Eaton, Caleb Shearer, Caden Smith, Jaeden Washburn, and Andrew Woodruff**, with **Jessica Woodruff** serving as the Advisor.



## 2019/2020 - Another Productive Year at the Hancock County ESC

As the current challenging school year comes to a close, it is an appropriate time to once again review the progress the ESC has made towards accomplishing its "Top Six Objectives" for 2019-2020.

1. To continue to enhance the **services** that are provided to **special needs** students, and their parents, in the local school systems.
  - Initiated a new special needs .5 preschool program at Vanlue.
  - Implemented a new IEP platform, IEP Anywhere.
  - Employed a "Teacher on Special Assignment" to provide valuable assistance to the school psychologists.
  - Provided "The Foundation and Root of Special Education" county-wide training for special needs personnel through the SST.
  - Provided SOLE (Self-Organized Learning Environment) training on new teaching strategies and differentiation.
  - Provided 60+ hours of professional development to the classroom/teacher aides during the pandemic school closure.
2. To provide relevant **general education services**, with an emphasis on professional development, course of study/curriculum revision, and technical assistance.
  - Significantly assisted the OIP (Ohio Improvement Process) at Arcadia under the direction of **Chelsea Bodnarik**.
  - Provided comprehensive gifted testing services, as well as gifted training for teachers.
  - Provided PBL/STEM professional development opportunity with Todd Stanley.
  - Offered required OTES 2.0 Training through a certified OTES trainer, **Tim Bodnarik**, who has received a \$8,076 Training Grant.
  - Developed an extensive list of resources for teachers to utilize during the pandemic shutdown.
  - Completed assessment development and non-negotiable checklists for the MD units.
  - Developed K-5 writing benchmarks at Riverdale.
  - Provided professional development on unpacking standards and alignment to middle school teachers.
  - Provided OTES support with SLO assessment development and approval committees.
  - Completed State Assessment item analysis with Arcadia and Riverdale.
3. To develop pertinent countywide **resource materials/programs**.
  - Operated the Hancock County Business Advisory Council on behalf of the local schools as per statutory requirements.
  - Continued Hancock Gifted United programming, as well as extended gifted services to more students.
  - Reorganized the Hancock County Alternative/Digital School to continue to meet the needs of at-risk and non-traditional students.
  - Provided Medication Administration Training and Emergency Medication Review Class through Hancock Public Health.
  - Participated actively in the PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) training and implementation.
  - Offered a relevant book study on "Hacking School Discipline."
  - Provided QPR (Question, Persuade, and Refer) training, an emergency mental health intervention for suicidal persons.
  - Offered the training, "How Full is Your Cup?" by Tera Viola, the Director of the Autism Life Center.

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- Continued to coordinate the Resident Educator Program for 56 teachers who are in their first year of teaching and facilitated the Resident Educator Summative Assessment for eighteen of these teachers.
- Provided Trauma Informed Care – The Basic Training.
- Provided Ohio State Test Preparation professional development through NWOET.
- Assisted in planning the eighth grade Manufacturing Days, Hancock County Student Showcase Art Exhibit, High School Math Competition, and High School Senior Safety Expo.

## 4. To maintain and strengthen the **educational partnerships** with the Findlay City Schools, Findlay Digital Academy, St. Michael's School, the Millstream Career Center, the Blanchard Valley Center/DD, The University of Findlay, Bowling Green State University, and Owens Community College.

- Continued to provide office space and in-kind assistance to the Director of the Hancock Literacy.
- Maintained mutually advantageous employment arrangements with the Findlay City Schools, St. Michael's Catholic School, and Findlay Digital Academy.
- Served on numerous scholarship selection committees through The Community Foundation.
- Provided CPI (Crisis Prevention Institute) training to Blanchard Valley Center.
- Expanded the student teaching placement process of a "student teacher draft" to include six university partners.
- Collaborated with the Findlay City Schools and the Wood County ESC to provide "Ethics of Scientific Thinking" professional development to the school psychologists.

## 5. To build upon **community collaborations**, such as the Family-Children First Council, The Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation, the United Way of Hancock County, the Hancock County Sheriff's Office, Findlay Rotary Club, and the Challenged Champions Equestrian Center.

- Continued to fulfill the administrative responsibilities for the Marie Berry Scholarship Fund.
- Continued to collaborate with the Raise-The-Bar workforce initiative.
- Maintained the partnership with The Community Foundation and United Way of Hancock County to offer preschool programming to students with financial need.
- Became a member of the Hancock County Safe Communities Coalition and the Traffic Fatality Review Committee.
- Lauri Cedar participated in the inaugural System of Care Leadership Academy.
- Participated in Letters to Veterans for Flag City Honor Flight through the Hancock Historical Museum.
- Represented on the Hancock County Art and Heritage Council.
- Expanded ESC collaboration with ADAMHS by being represented on the Community Partnership Committee, The Opiate Task Force Committee, and the Community Awareness Committee.
- Served on the Hancock County Transportation Coalition.
- Provided support in community grant planning and implementation (i.e. Prevention Grant, System of Care Grant, and Stitt Grant).

## 6. To maintain the ESC's primary commitment to **team building** and **continuous improvement** in all areas of operation, with an emphasis on **cost effectiveness** and **efficiency**.

- Recognized as a "High Performing ESC" for the fourth consecutive year.
- Modified health insurance coverage to Option Plan B for a sizeable savings for both the ESC and the participant.
- Increased the premiums for medical, dental, and vision by only 6%.
- Converted to the digital format for the monthly meetings of the ESC Governing Board.
- Leased approximately 2,000 sq. ft. of additional office/meeting space at the ESC site (north hallway) to accommodate staffing needs, as well as space for the Alternative/Digital School.
- Completely revised the ESC Safety Plan.
- Began a Workplace Safety initiative through Safe Schools/Vector Solutions for all team members, initiated with blood-borne pathogens and employee safety at work.



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SUMMER