



Hancock County Educational Service Center



"Meeting Student Needs Through Cooperative Efforts"

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Students and Staff Receive Special Recognition

For the twenty-fifth year, the Hancock County Educational Service Center, with the financial assistance of Stapleton Insurance Group, Premier Bank, Medical Mutual Health Services and Quantum Coordinated Healthcare, formally recognized each of the students nominated for the Franklin B. Walter All-Scholastic Award who are among the top performers in the Hancock County/Findlay City Schools. At a special luncheon at the Hancock Hotel on Sunday, May 2, these nine students 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 these educators were chosen for this special honor, which was shared with each teacher at the luncheon. As a remembrance, 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":

<u>Arcadia:</u>	Noah Stahl selected Dan Althaus - (H. S. Social Studies)
<u>Arlington:</u>	Kobie Parrish chose Lisa Beall - (Grade 8 Spanish)
<u>Cory-Rawson</u>	Machenzie Cascaden selected William Faine - (Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach)
<u>Findlay:</u>	Trinity Lee chose Daniel Wilson (Instrumental Music)
<u>Liberty-Benton:</u>	Taryn Green selected Kari Marcum (H.S. Spanish)
<u>McComb:</u>	Robert Frey chose Toni Hassen - (H.S. Mathematics)
<u>Riverdale:</u>	Makena Barnes selected Jon Hayfield - (Junior High Social Studies)
<u>Van Buren:</u>	Gannon Bahn chose Adam Schumaker - (H.S. Science)
<u>Vanlue:</u>	Blaise Crowe selected Kathy Lyon - (H.S. Spanish)

Congratulations are once again extended to each of these honorees for a job well done, as well as special thanks to Rick Van Mooy, ESC Coordinator, for organizing and conducting this fine recognition program.





2020/2021 Another Productive Year for the Hancock County ESC

As the current challenging school year comes to a close, it is an appropriate time to review the progress the ESC has made towards accomplishing its “**Top Six Objectives**” for 2020-2021.

1. To continue to enhance the numerous **services** that are provided to **special needs** students and their parents in the eight local school systems.

- ❖ *Employed a fulltime building substitute teacher for the HCESC classrooms to effectively and consistently address staff absenteeism.*
- ❖ *Renewed the \$25,000 Parent Mentor grant from ODE and received a \$2,000 Parent Mentor Resource Grant.*
- ❖ *Implemented appropriate protocols to assure the safety of special needs students and staff due to the pandemic.*
- ❖ *Hosted “What We Can Do For Our Dyslexic Students” professional development by Louise Coulter.*
- ❖ *Received a \$2,500 grant from The Community Foundation for a summer camp for special needs students.*
- ❖ *Awarded a 5-Star rating for the 3-year renewal of Step Up to Quality at the Arcadia preschool.*
- ❖ *Held a virtual resource fair for parents and educators by the Parent Mentor.*
- ❖ *Received \$51,975 in funding for the preschool programs through the Ohio Child Care Resource and Referral Association Pandemic Support Payment program.*

2. To provide relevant **general education services**, with an emphasis on professional development, curriculum revision, and technical assistance.

- ❖ *Continued to provide dedicated supervisory assistance at Arcadia in the OIP (Ohio Improvement Process).*
- ❖ *Provided comprehensive gifted services, particularly testing, professional development, and coordinated the Hancock Gifted United program.*
- ❖ *Offered professional development for the superintendents focusing on “Ridiculously Amazing Schools: Creating a Culture Where Everyone Thrives” by Jeff Waller.*
- ❖ *Arranged for an ODE presentation for county administrators on High Quality Student Data (HQSD) and to use it in OTES 2.0.*
- ❖ *Coordinated the Hancock County Math Contest and Advanced Student Art Show.*
- ❖ *Conducted curriculum review and selection process with Riverdale Elementary School.*
- ❖ *Lead curriculum alignment and unpacking standards for Arlington, Arcadia, and McComb Middle Schools.*
- ❖ *Provided OTES 2.0 training to the remainder of the county principals who needed training.*
- ❖ *Held item analysis and assessment alignment meetings for Arcadia, Arlington, McComb, and Riverdale.*

3. To develop pertinent countywide **resource materials/programs**.

- ❖ *Continued to offer the Hancock County Alternative/Digital School to meet the needs of at-risk and non-traditional students.*
- ❖ *Coordinated the Hancock Business Advisory Council on behalf of the local schools as per statutory requirements.*
- ❖ *Continued to direct the Resident Educator Program for 57 teachers in their initial four years of teaching.*
- ❖ *Facilitated the RESA (Resident Educator Summative Assessment) with 12 of these teachers and all 12 passed.*
- ❖ *Maintained participation in the ADAMHS Prevention Grant, with a continued focus on trauma-informed-care.*
- ❖ *Provided CPI (non-violent crisis intervention) training to Van Buren and McComb personnel.*

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- ❖ Offered Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and Secondary Trauma and Self-Care professional development for the school districts' prevention teams.
 - ❖ Chelsea Bodnarik assumed the role as a RemotEDx Certified Trainer.
 - ❖ Partnered with NAMI for Youth Mental Health First Aid Training.
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 Hancock Literacy.
 - ❖ Maintained mutually advantageous employment agreements with the Findlay City Schools, St. Michael's Catholic School, and the Findlay Digital Academy.
 - ❖ Served on the President Search Ad Hoc Committee for Owens Community College.
 - ❖ Coordinated the county-wide COVID-19 vaccination program, as well as distributed PPE and test kits, for Findlay/Hancock County educational personnel.
 - ❖ Secured **\$55,000** in funding through the Blanchard Valley Center to implement a Transition Coordinator position for special needs students.
 - ❖ Coordinated student teacher placements from area universities in the county/city schools.
5. To build upon **community collaborations**, such as the Family-Children First Council, Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation, ADAMHS, United Way of Hancock County, Raise-The-Bar, Hancock County Sheriff's Office, Findlay Rotary Club, and Challenged Champions Equestrian Center.
- ❖ Served on numerous scholarship committees through The Community Foundation.
 - ❖ Continued to fulfill the administrative responsibilities for the Marie Berry Scholarship Fund.
 - ❖ Maintained the partnership with The Community Foundation and United Way of Hancock County to offer preschool programming to students with financial need.
 - ❖ Utilized a partnership with Arlington, Vanlue, and the ESC to provide a SRO (School Resource Officer) to their students through an agreement with the Hancock County Sheriff's Office.
 - ❖ Renewed an agreement with Hancock Public Health to provide nursing services to six Hancock County Schools and the ESC.
 - ❖ Collaborated with the Hancock County Commissioners and The Community Foundation to utilize CARES funding for three fulltime medical assistants in the schools.
 - ❖ Contracted with Remind in partnership with the Sheriff's Office to provide an emergency notification system for the schools.
 - ❖ Collaborated with the Hancock County Family and Children First Council to insure communication between the schools and city/county law enforcement when a school-aged child has contact with law enforcement.
 - ❖ Partnered with the Community Partnership to facilitate state grant funding to the Hancock County Schools for youth led prevention activities for students.
 - ❖ Served on the Youth Led Strategic Planning Team for ADAMHS.
 - ❖ Served on the Arts & Heritage Committee and Arts in Education Committee.
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 fifth consecutive year.
 - ❖ Completed the renovation (i.e. painting, carpeting, technology) of the north hallway at the ESC to accommodate the dire need for additional work/meeting space.
 - ❖ Finalize the necessary revisions to the Safety Plans.
 - ❖ Updated all existing job descriptions, as well as added ones that had not been provided.
 - ❖ Required Safe Schools Training of all team members on the topics of "Slips, Trips, and Falls;" "Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Prevention;" "Fire Extinguisher Safety;" and "Coronavirus Awareness."



Junior High/Middle School Quiz Bowl Results

On Monday, March 8, the Hancock County Junior High/Middle School Quiz Bowl season concluded with its annual tournament, which was held at Liberty-Benton Middle School with fifty-three students participating. The team from **Vanlue Middle School** was the Tournament Champion, with the team from **Liberty-Benton Middle School** finishing as Runner-up.

Members of the **Vanlue** team were as follows: **Brody Fagan, Hannah Gerschutz, Ray Gerschutz, Langston Miller, and Isaac Reed**, with **Grant Johnson** serving as the Advisor. Members of the **Liberty-Benton** team were **Jon Coldren, Ava Lackey, Benjamin Leichty, Evie Parmelee, Laura Romeiro, and Donovan Stripe**, with **Heather Black and Lyndsey Fox** assisting as Advisors.



Vanlue Championship Team

