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SCHOOL DISTRICT

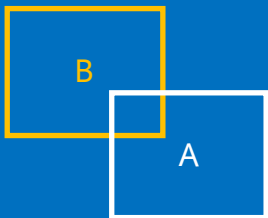
2020-2021 ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

A publication of the Bellwood-Antis School District Education Foundation

SUCCESS



In the face of struggle



A MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDATION

The Bellwood-Antis School District Report is provided annually by the Bellwood-Antis School District Foundation. The purpose of the Foundation is to develop and promote financial support for the activities, ideas, and projects that are of value and importance to the teachers and students. With personal and business contributions, along with Foundation fundraisers, we have been able to sponsor many projects such as:

- ◆ Teacher/Student Grants: From 1994 through 2021, a total of 222 grants totaling more than \$161,200 have been awarded.

2020/2021 GRANTS

Leah McNaul: \$365.65 for supplies for print-making with Gelli Pads & stencils for students in grades 7-12.

Jim Mackereth/Matt Webreck : GPS navigation devices for student training for students in grades 5-12.

- ◆ Providing a free Christmas luncheon to all students in the district
- ◆ Dedicating over \$10,000 to the Media Center and Maker Space as well additional funds to provide equipment and materials.
- ◆ With additional sponsors, providing hygiene kits to be used at the school for 4th & 5th grade students.
- ◆ Distributing teacher appreciation snacks 2 times a year.
- ◆ Actively pursuing and promoting senior scholarships for the Scholarship Banquet
- ◆ Providing 2 teacher luncheons during the 2020-2021 school year.

The Foundation board has approved and funded many other projects and programs for teachers and students

The Bellwood-Antis School District Foundation

- Accepts contributions from individuals, corporations, civic groups, and other foundations. All donations are tax-deductible and will be used to enhance education opportunities for students.
- Accepts and disburses all designated gifts and donations as directed by the contributor.
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—Crystal Himes President of Bellwood-Antis School District Foundation

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BAHS CLASS OF 2021



VALEDICTORIAN
Lauren Young



SALUTATORIAN
Rebecca Burns



PRESIDENT
Joseph Dorminy

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Beating the odds



Give yourself a pat on the back, Bellwood-Antis! The biggest achievement this year may have been the district's ability to host in-person classes as long as any school district in Blair County. B-A began classes in September full-time and in-person, with students masked and practicing social distancing in response to the global COVID-19 pandemic. That commitment to face-to-face learning never wavered in spite of many obstacles. Teachers checked temperatures twice each day, lunches were separated and spaced out, and sports were broadcast live for the world to see on YouTube. Through the efforts of the administration, faculty, and staff, along with a disciplined student body eager to learn, B-A missed very few days due to the spread of coronavirus, with each building closing only once outside of the state-mandated closure in December. Teachers adapted to new kids of education, from streaming classes daily via

Microsoft Teams to teaching under a hybrid system that had half of their classes learning at home online. It was never easy, but the effort was worth it, and by June the Class of 2021 was able to graduate together in front of a crowd of well-wishers at Memorial Stadium. Congratulations Bellwood-Antis! You made it!



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STOPPING FOR NO ONE

ALL-STATE



Zach Mallon makes 2A team

Zach Mallon made the most of his final year of high school football, capping a season in which he led the Blue Devils in rushing by earning a spot on the Pennsylvania Football Writers 2A All-State first team. Mallon rushed for 1,136 yards and ended his career 8th on B-A's career rushing list. Later, Mallon and Nick Plank were named to the PSFCA East-West All-Star game. Both players were also among the eight Blue Devils tabbed for the all-ICC first team, as well. B-A finished the 2020 campaign 7-1, capturing the ICC title with an unbeaten conference record. The Devils also won the Backyard Brawl over Tyrone for the second year in a row.



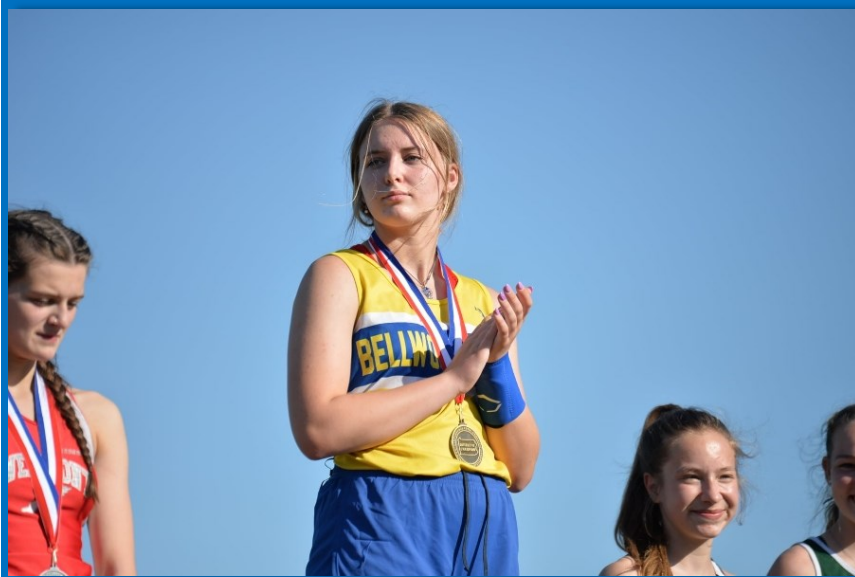
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CHAMPIONS

Athletes at Bellwood-Antis spent the year finding ways to continue to excel in a rapidly changing sports landscape. In the fall, Alex Taylor was named the Mountain League soccer MVP, scoring 19 goals to lead the Tyrone/Bellwood-Antis co-op team to the District 6 3A finals. Taylor became the fourth MVP from B-A, joining Corey Johnston (2018-2019), Coach Alex Bartlett (2013), and Kyle Bartlett (2012). In the spring, sophomore Lydia Worthing earned a District 6 2A championship when she won the girls pole vault, making her the second girls pole vault champion from B-A after Lexi Gerwert in 2018. That same day, Joe Wertz won the boys shot put, while Hunter Shawley placed second in the 300 meter hurdles. All three athletes went to the PIAA championships in Shppensburg, with Shawley earning a medal for his sixth-plac finish.



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The Bellwood-Antis girls basketball team had plenty of questions to answer after graduating the most successful senior class in program history in 2020. Though the Lady Devils faced weeks when they didn't know if they would be playing from day to day, and while most of their games were played in front of sparse crowds due to social distancing policies, they were able to secure another ICC championship with a 9-0 league record. B-A finished the season 10-5. In the fall, Blue Devil sports teams put the wraps on two more championship seasons, with both the boys cross country team and the golf team winning ICC titles. In all, B-A teams collected six ICC team championships.



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NEXT LEVEL ATHLETES

Bellwood-Antis saw three athletes sign letters of intent to play sports on the college level this fall at a signing ceremony in the media center in April. Dakota Woomer and Owen Shedlock are both headed to Lycoming College. Woomer will join the women's volleyball team, while Shedlock, a receiver and defensive back, will play football. Zach Miller, who led the B-A basketball team in scoring as a senior, committed to play on the next level at Waynesburg University.



Raven Criscitello was new to the Bellwood-Antis School District this year, transferring from Bishop Guilfoyle for her senior season. But that didn't stop her from making a big impact. In October, she established a new Lady Devil record for digs in a season.

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THE BA BLUEPRINT

The Bellwood-Antis online student newspaper, the *BluePrint*, continued its mission as the voice of the Bellwood-Antis student body. In March, the publication learned it placed second at the Keystone Press Awards in the website category, giving it four top two finishes in the last six years. Later that month, the *BluePrint* earned its seventh consecutive Student Newspapers Online Distinguished Site award. Several individual students also won recognition, including junior Jack Luensmann, whose series “Keeping Up With COVID” was named the best general news story of the year by the Keystone Press. The Keystone Press also gave an honorable mention to Haley Campbell and Caroline Nagle for their “Saved by the Bell Podcast.” In April, Luensmann’s story on the COVID vaccine took second at the Pa. Press Club awards. Nagle was an honorable mention for her “Bellwood Bios” series, and Andrew Crocker was an honorable mention for his piece “Don’t Defund the Police.”



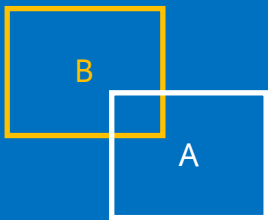
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The show goes on



Singers and musicians at Bellwood-Antis and across Pennsylvania found unique ways to continue to thrive and excel despite the limitations placed on them by COVID restrictions. In February, Damon Mills and Sarah Berkowitz participated in PMEA District 6 chorus by auditioning at B-A and submitting their audition to chorus directors online. In March, Mills learned he had qualified for PMEA state chorus as a Bass I, becoming the first singer from Bellwood-Antis to earn as high an honor since Amanda Albright in 2016. In April, Mills took part in the event virtually.



MCLELLAN



LANGENBACHER



OTTO



RODLAND



WILLIAMS

2021 NATIONAL TECHNICAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES



MUSSELMAN



LUTHER



HOLBY



BROWN



BACON

Bellwood-Antis student attending the Greater Altoona Career and Technology Center thrived in 2020-2021 in spite of the limitations inherent in the school year. Two seniors earned scholarships: Zach Cunningham won the Franklin F. Finelli Scholarship; Hannah Williams was awarded the Daniel A. Clark Memorial Scholarship, Richard L. McEldowney Academic Scholarship, Reliance Bank Scholarship, S.

Rogers Walters Memorial Scholarship, as well as the Cosmetology Senior of the Year Award. Paige Otto also received the Cosmetology Senior of the Year award. Ten students were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society: Otto, Williams, Karlee Langenbacher, Mikaya Rodland, Holden McClean, Devon Bacon, Jeremy Brown, Ashlyn Holby, Matthew Luther, and Gabriella Musselman



HANNAH WILLIAMS



PAIGE OTTO



ZACH CUNNINGHAM



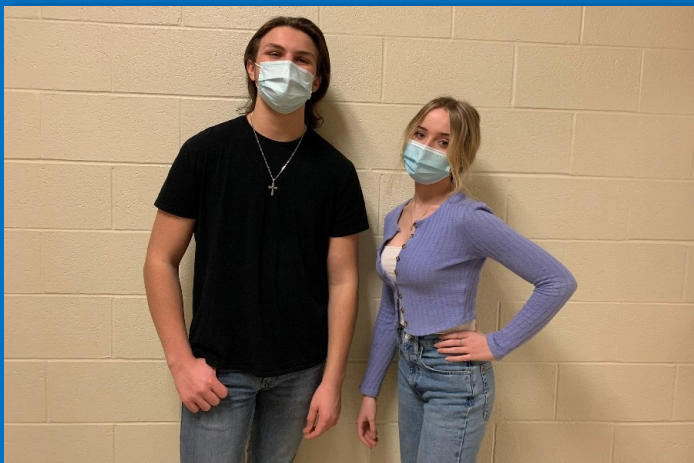
HOME COMING 2020



There were times when it seemed Homecoming might be in jeopardy, but when it was all said and done the annual celebration went down without a hitch thanks to the diligent work of the Renaissance Club and the efforts of the Homecoming court. Malia Danish was voted this year's Homecoming queen, and she accepted the honor arm-in-arm with her father, whom she had chosen as her escort. However, there were truly no losers from a court filled with senior standouts. The court was composed of Caitlyn McCartney, Sicily Yingling, Atherton Poorman, Hailey Campbell, and Madalyn McCloskey. Social distancing guidelines prevented the court from participating in several Homecoming traditions, like Skit Night, but each girl was able to produce a video, introducing themselves to the student body prior to voting. Jamyson Focht, the 2019 Queen, was on hand at the Homecoming game to crown Danish.



STAR SPEAKERS



The Bellwood-Antis speech team, coached by Mrs. Sally Padula, switched some things up in 2020-2021, but the result were the same. With all meets conducted virtually, speakers had to record their speeches and present them online, but the team's tradition of winning was unfazed. In February, Haley Campbell won her third District championship, competing in humorous interpretation. At the same meet, Emma Corrado was second in extemporaneous. Both ladies qualified for states. Daman Mills was also a state speech qualifier. Campbell again won at regionals in March, while Corrado, Mills, and Zach Amato took third in their categories, which qualified each of the speakers for the National Catholic Forensic League's national championship.

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SUCCESS IN THE MID CARD



The junior high scholastic scrimmage team, using a combination of middle schoolers and ninth graders, made a strong run at the local championship in March, coming home with a second place finish in the event. The team won five matches to finish just behind Hollidaysburg. Team members included ninth grade students Seth Hollen, Vincent Cacciotti, and Chance Schreier. For 8th grade, Briley Campbell, Ryan Marinak, Holden Schreier, Derek Stivers, and Emily Zacker dotted the roster.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL HONORS

In June, members of the Bellwood-Antis chapter of the Junior High Honor Society were able to attend a day trip to Hershey Park thanks to generous donations from the United Veterans Home Association of Bellwood, the Sons of the American Legion, and the Glunt Company.



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Olivia Gregg



Alexis Lovrich

EMERGING LEADERS

Sophomores Olivia Gregg and Alexis Lovrich had the opportunity to participate in Leadership Blair County Youth throughout the 2020-2021 school year, and in May both students earned their graduate certificates. The program is sponsored by the Chamber Foundation, and its main objective is to “develop the leadership potential of 10th grade students of high schools in Blair County, as well as educate the students of on the county’s heritage, culture and work force opportunities.” Throughout the year-long program, the students meet the following goals:

- Teach students to make a difference in their communities
- Instill a desire to stay in our community and be a positive force
- Realize they are a valuable resource of energy, time and talent
- Realize they have the potential to develop into positive contributors to our communities
- Learn through involvement and experience, being treated with respect as equal partners
- Instill an eagerness to learn about leadership skills and their communities

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TRYING TIMES

The Bellwood-Antis mock trial team continued its winning ways in 2020-2021, advancing to the District round of competition for the second consecutive year. Under the direction of Mr. Gary Rhone and Mr. Stuart Roberts, the team spent a portion of the pandemic arguing a case involving a wrongful death following energy drink use for a zombie run. The group was able to make it through the preliminary stage of competition unbeaten before falling in Districts. Team members included: Sarah Berkowitz, Daman Mills, Wyatt McKendree, Olivia Finelli, Lauren Young, Brendan Andrews, Abi Eckenrod, Madison Brinkman, and Andrew Crocker. Mock trial is organized in Blair County by the Blair County Bar Association and students try their fictional case before local judges and lawyers in real courtrooms at the Blair County Courthouse and the Cambria County Courthouse.

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SCHOLASTIC SCRIMMAGE

ACADEMIC COMPETITORS

Mrs. Kathy Taylor had her students competing at the highest levels again in 2020-2021, though much of the work was done virtually as a result of the pandemic. In December, the senior high scholastic scrimmage team finished fourth out of 13 teams in the IU8 competition. Team members included: Canyon Neyman, Shane Rachel, Jack Luensmann, Caedon Poe, Zach Amato, Emma Corrado, Kenny Robison, John Sloey, Aiden Taylor, and Alex Taylor. In February, both Abi Eckenrod and Andrew Crocker placed well at Student Congress, with Crocker earning a superior speaker ranking and Eckenrod achieving merit speaker.



Student Congress

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HIGH ACHIEVERS



In May, Mr. William Crowell became the latest recipient of the BluePrint's annual Teacher of the Year award, which is determined through a three-step voting process among the BluePrint's staff members. In March, students in Mr. Kerry Naylor's CHS debate class were able to complete their annual school-wide debates, arguing in front of small, socially-distanced crowds in the auditorium. Students taking the class receive college credit from the University of Pittsburgh.



In December, Raela Zuiker and Andrew Miller, musicians under the tutelage of band director Mr. Patrick Sachse, auditioned and qualified for PMEA District band. Zuiker plays the clarinet and Miller plays the euphonium. In May, the annual poetry slam returned after a two-year hiatus, and freshman Vincent Cacciotti won the overall slam championship. In all, 25 students participated, with Haley Campbell winning in humorous, and Caroline Nagle and Alex Taylor taking the top spot in group.

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SCHOLARSHIPS



ABIGAIL MUSSELMAN

Blue and Gold Scholarship (\$250); South Hills Business and Technology (\$250)

ABIGAIL SNYDER

Bellwood-Antis Retired Administrators Scholarship (\$1,250); Mighty Warriors 6:12 Scholarship (\$500)

AIDEN TAYLOR

Northern Blair Kiwanis Club Howard Walker Memorial Scholarship (\$500)

ALEX TAYLOR

Northern Blair Kiwanis Club Scholarship (\$500)

ALEXANDRA DIAMOND

Choral Musical Scholarship (\$500); Martin's Food—in honor of Mad-die Shura (\$1,000)

ANDREW MILLER

B-A Band Scholarship (\$500); B-A PTO Scholarship (\$750)

ANDREW TORNATORE

French Club Scholarship (\$250); Timothy Sissler Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)

ARIK SHILDT

Charles Caracciolo Steel & Metal Yard Scholarship (\$500)

ATHERTON POORMAN

UVHA William Sitman Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)

BRENDAN ANDREWS

Harshman Family Scholarship (\$1,750)

BRENDON MILLER

B-A Band Scholarship (\$500); DelGrosso Family Scholarship (\$2,500)

BRYANT MAHUTE

Proud 2 Serve (\$500)

CAITLYN McCARTNEY

Bud Grazier Memorial Scholarship (\$500); Mighty Warriors 6:12 Scholarship (\$500); Linette Allen Memorial Scholarship (\$500)

CAROLINE NAGLE

UVHA Club Scholarship (\$1,000); Linette Allen Memorial Scholarship (\$500)

DAKOTA WOOMER

Alumni Association Scholarship (\$250); Thelma Fowler Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)

DYLAN BARR

DIB Scholarship (\$500)

DYLAN SPIKER

McEldowney Academic Scholarship (\$500); Class of 1944 Scholarship (\$1,500)

EMILY MARTIN

BAEA Scholarship (\$750); Northern Blair Kiwanis Club—Harold Wag-ner Honorary Scholarship (\$500); Class of 1964 Scholarship (\$500)

GABRIELLA FINN

Alumni Association Scholarship (\$250); Thelma Fowler Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)

HALEY CAMPBELL

Darlene Carter Memorial Scholarship (\$1,500); Class of 1984 Scholarship (\$500); B-A Community Picnic Scholarship (\$250: B-A Lions Club (\$500)

HANNAH WILLIAMS

B-A Lions Club (\$500)

HOLDEN McCLELLAN

Fraternal Order of the Eagles Scholarship (\$500)

HUNTER GREGG

DelGrosso Family Scholarship (\$2,500)

JACOB BOLLINGER

DeGol Family Scholarship (\$5,000)

JOHN SLOEY

Tyler/Lovrich Family Scholarship (\$1,500); David C. Heisler II Memori-al Scholarship (\$500)

JOSEPH DORMINY

Duane Hollen Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)

KAIA CLAYPOOLE

First Commonwealth Bank Scholarship (\$500)

KAITLYN DICKINSON

Polly Decker Barbosa Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000); Eugene and Jean Harker Memorial Scholarship (\$500)

KALI LONSINGER

Class of 1972 Scholarship (\$500); McEldowney Academic Scholarship (\$500); Forshey Family Scholarship (\$500); Fostoria Farms Schol-ar-ship (\$1,000)

KAMI O'SHELL

Fraternal Order of the Eagles Scholarship (\$500)

KENNY ROBISON

Track and Field Scholarship (\$250)

KIRA HARRIS

Bellwood Eagles Riders #1859 (\$500)

LANDON BUNGO

Northern Blair Kiwanis—Military Service Commitment Award (\$2,250)

LAUREN HEISLER

STAR Team Scholarship (\$500); Dennis McClellan Memorial Schol-ar-ship (\$1,000)

LAUREN YOUNG

DelGrosso Family Scholarship (\$2,500); B-A Community Scholarship (\$500)

LEAH FARBER

Blue and Gold Scholarship (\$250); B-A Class of 1969 (\$500)

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LOGAN MOCK

Blue and Gold Scholarship (\$250)

MADISON GORITY

B-A PTO Scholarship (\$750)

MADISON OTTO

Mary Beth Banks Memorial Scholarship (\$1,500)

MALIA DANISH

Thomas Otto Family Scholarship (\$500); Charles Caracciolo Steel & Metal Yard Scholarship (\$500); Choral Scholarship (\$250)

MIKAYLA RODLAND

Class of 1944 Scholarship (\$1,500)

NICHOLAS CARACCIOLO

Choral Scholarship (\$250)

NOAH PATTON

Captain James "Whitey" Stephens Scholarship (\$500)

OWEN SHEDLOCK

RSM Scholarship/FCA Scholarship (\$500); Knights of Columbus Scholarship (\$500)

PAIGE OTTO

BAEA Scholarship (\$750)

RAVEN CRISCITELLO

DelGrosso Foods, Inc. Scholarship (\$1,000)

REBECCA BURNS

Track and Field Scholarship (\$250); Class of 1983 Scholarship (\$500); DelGrosso Family Scholarship (\$2,500)

RUSHALI PATEL

M&T Bank Scholarship (\$1,000)

RYAN MALONE

Bellwood Eagles Riders #1859 (\$500)

SASHA NYMAN

B-A Community Scholarship (\$500); Madison Shura Memorial Scholarship (\$2,000)

SICILY YINGLING

David W. Lewis Family Scholarship (\$1,500)

TAYLOR KARNIS

Blue and Gold Scholarship (\$250)

TY NOONAN

Himes Family Scholarship (\$1,000); Tyler/Lovrich Families Scholarship (\$500)

WYATT ANDERSON

Blue and Gold Scholarship (\$250)

ZACH MALLON

Bud Grazier Memorial Scholarship (\$500); Corrie Fisher Memorial Scholarship (\$1,500); Fraternal Order of the Eagles Scholarship (\$500)

ZACH MILLER

Bellwood-Antis Youth Baseball Scholarship (\$500)

B-A AWARDS MORE THAN \$75,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

On Monday, May 17, the Bellwood-Antis School District held its annual senior award banquet at DelGrosso's Amusement Park. Seniors were awarded over \$75,000 in scholarships.

Through the generosity of a host of local businesses, seniors were able to get a financial boost for their post-secondary plans. Among the biggest winners were Jacob Bollinger, who received the \$5,000 Bruno DeGol scholarship; Lauren Young who received a \$2,500.00 DelGrosso Family scholarship; Landon Bungo, who received \$2,250.00 Northern Blair Kiwanis Commitment scholarship; Hunter Gregg, who received a \$2,500.00 DelGrosso Family scholarship; Brendon Miller, who received a \$2,500.00 DelGrossos Family scholarship; and and Rebecca Burns who received a \$2,250.00 DelGrosso Family scholarship.

Congratulations to all the seniors who got scholarships!

