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KNIGHTS NEWS

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE NICOLET UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT



While this has not been a typical year by any means, **I continue to be inspired by and proud of our students and the incredible Nicolet community.**

Although many events, activities and awards were canceled this semester due to the pandemic, that doesn't diminish the tremendous sense of pride I feel for our students and staff.

Our students accomplished much this year and have more still to look forward to. We are proud to share these accomplishments and more with you in this newsletter. We hope you will join us in congratulating our outstanding students, especially the class of 2020, for their contributions to our school community and the rich history of Nicolet!

Notably, this year, **Nicolet achieved the ranking of Significantly Exceeds Expectations by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and posted one of the most significant improvements in the "closing the achievement gaps" score in the Milwaukee area. Nicolet was also once again named a "Best High School" by US News and World Report and ranked within the top 5% of schools nationally.** These accolades are due to the hard work and dedication of our students and staff throughout the academic year.

Thank you, again, to the Nicolet staff, students and families for your perseverance and positive attitudes. While this semester has not been easy, I'm proud of how the Nicolet community continues to support and encourage each other.

As always, I encourage all district residents to follow Nicolet High School on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram as a source of timely information and updates. My best wishes for your health and well-being this summer.

Your partner in education,
Dr. Greg Kabara, Superintendent

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NICOLET NEWS



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Greetings Nicolet families,

After many waves of change this past semester, I would like to personally thank each

and every member of the community. The Nicolet community has proven to be resilient, creative problem-solvers while adapting to remote learning during the time of COVID-19. We are infinitely proud of the support shown over these past few months. In this newsletter you will notice that despite moving online, Nicolet found a way to build relationships, excel academically and share passions for community involvement.

Thank you parents, students, staff and the greater Nicolet community for your ongoing outpouring of support.

—Thomas Dorgan, Principal

REMOTE LEARNING REVIEW

In early spring, as the spread of COVID-19 became more prevalent, the District proactively made remote learning contingency plans should the semester need to continue virtually. Once we made the crucial decision to move our curriculum online, the Nicolet community quickly adapted to the new schedules, means of communication and expectations for students and families.

As the semester continued, we made adjustments to best suit the needs of students and teachers, including to maximize personalized learning in the remote environment. Students received weekly updates from each class, assignments, clearly communicated due dates, learning targets aligned to outcomes and teacher office hours for the week. Teachers verified attendance through announcements, completion of work and appearance in virtual learning activities.

The hard work of our teachers and dedication of our families helped us both prepare for and quickly transition to an effective learning environment!

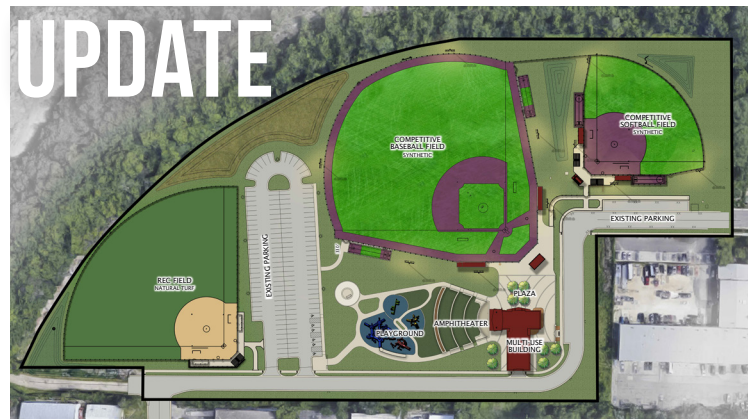
ATHLETIC FACILITIES UPDATE

Nicolet is proud to work with the City of Glendale to build a state-of-the-art softball facility and community field at Richard E. Maslowski Glendale Community Park that will allow residents, students and families to enjoy recreational activities and community events for years to come.

The future home of the Nicolet Girls Softball Team will meet WIAA and NCAA standards and be constructed of synthetic turf with masonry dugouts, LED athletic field lighting, batting cages, an announcer's booth and permanent seating.

Additionally, a second field will be constructed with natural materials and include a fencing backstop and dugouts. **Both fields will be made available for local family use and host Glendale Little League, Recreation Department, Youth Softball and other community leagues. Construction will begin in the coming weeks and the field will be complete in time for the start of the 2021 softball season.**

These fields are part of Nicolet's ongoing comprehensive athletic facilities redevelopment project. For more information, visit: nicolet.us/activities/nicolet-athletic-facilities-master-plan.cfm





JEWISH EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Nicolet is proud to be the only public high school in the state teaching Hebrew, and we are extremely proud of our Hebrew teacher, **Yael Gal-Ben Yitschak** for being named The Levy Family CJL Jewish Educator of the Year. Congratulations, Yael!

NICOLET STUDENT SUPPORT TEAM

This past fall, Nicolet fully implemented its multi-layered system of support program to make sure all students get the support they need to be successful. The program includes: Nicolet student support staff, peer tutors, peer mentors, writing center, supplemental instruction, and freshman transition program.

The support systems quickly transitioned to the remote learning setting with the student support team continuing to connect with hundreds of students remotely, providing specific academic, organizational and — perhaps most importantly — human connection based on the strong relationships established through the year. Nicolet's unique program was recognized by **the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel**.



ALUMNI NEWS

Nicolet has partnered with Publishing Concepts LP (PCI) to publish an alumni directory. Please be on the lookout for a postcard or email from PCI in the coming months. If you have any questions about the project, contact chris.macon@nicolet.us

LAUREN ANCEL MEYERS ('99) Lauren Ancel Meyers ('99), an epidemiologist and mathematical biologist, is a leading expert in COVID-19 modeling. She was featured in the **Milwaukee Journal Sentinel** explaining how she is able to trace the path of an outbreak.

BRIAN LYNCH ('73) won a Grammy Award for the Best Large Jazz Ensemble Album and was nominated for Best Instrumental Composition. This is Brian's second Grammy.

DESTINY HUVEN ('19) placed fourth at the Big Ten Indoor Track & Field Championships in the 60 meter hurdles, and set a new UW-Madison record, during her freshman season.

STACEY SHOR ('87) was appointed the President and CEO of JCFS Chicago.

To submit an update about Nicolet alumni, please send the alum's name, graduation year, and relevant information to **public.relations@nicolet.us**. Submissions will be reviewed for publication in future newsletters and other district communications.

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Inductees to the Nicolet Athletic Hall of Fame posed for a picture at the dinner held in their honor. Left to right are: Andy Berg '78 (Football, Baseball, Track), Jeff Jorgensen '71 (Wrestling), Crista Payton '79 (Basketball, Volleyball), Doug Pinzer '69 (Baseball, Track) and Coach Jim Cashler '78-95 (Track, Pole Vault). For more information, including the inductees' bios visit:

http://www.nicolet.us/activities/hall_of_fame.cfm



STUDENT HIGHLIGHT

NICOLET'S FIRST GLOBAL SCHOLARS

These six changemakers are Nicolet's FIRST Global Scholars, a statewide program focused on global competencies, leadership and service earned through the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

JULIA BALDWIN

- Fluent in French
- Recently, Julia volunteered to help healthcare workers during COVID-19, making over 700 masks.

MAIAH BOHLEN

- Fluent in Spanish
- Miaah volunteered at Schlitz Audubon and co-led Nicolet's She's the First chapter, focused on bringing education to young women around the world.

ANNA GOULD

- Fluent in French
- Anna recently led a discussion on women's health and the role of doulas with an international health expert in the Pacific Northwest.

NINA ISKANDARSJACH

- Fluent in Hebrew
- Nina volunteered as a tutor and mentor at SEA Literacy, working with Milwaukee's immigrant population.

LEIGHTON KENNEDY

- Fluent in German
- Leighton spent last summer working to remove invasive species and maintain facilities at the Riverside Park location of the Urban Ecology Center.

ANNIKA TIMM

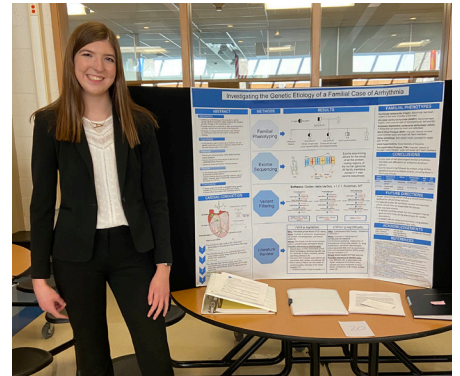
- Fluent in Spanish
- Annika provided bilingual tutoring for young people at La Escuela Vieau Summer Academy.

ANNA GOULD QUALIFIES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR

Senior **Anna Gould's** project titled, "Investigating the Genetic Etiology of a Familial Case of Arrhythmia" won "Best of the Fair" at the Nicolet Regional Science and Engineering Fair, qualifying her for the prestigious International Fair in Anaheim, Calif.

Anna worked for more than a year at the Medical College of Wisconsin to solve a 'medical cold case.' She sought out a mentor and spent her junior year collecting background information and working in the lab under Dr. Aoy Mitchell's supervision.

Anna has participated in STEM Research Program since her freshman year and has won numerous regional and state awards. In the fall, Anna plans to go to Washington University in St. Louis and continue her research in the medical field.



NATIONAL HISTORY DAY FINALISTS



This year, four students were named finalists and selected to represent Nicolet at the state-level National History Day competition.

ETHAN SAHIN with a paper: Into the American Century, How the First Infantry Division Broke International Barriers During the First World War. Ethan also won the Local History Award after tracing a World War I helmet to local soldier, Frank Burczyk.

ANGELO SPOLAR with an individual exhibit: Henry Ford, Breaking Barriers in Automobile Manufacturing.

JULIA KAMM with an individual website: Claude McKay, Creating a Call-to-Action Through Poetry.

MAIAH BOHLEN with an individual documentary: Althea Gibson: Smashing Tennis's Color Barrier.



11 SENIOR STUDENT-ATHLETES ARE TAKING THEIR ATHLETIC TALENTS TO THE COLLEGIATE LEVEL

BRANDON PEACE will play baseball for Ripon College

NICK HOLMES will compete in triathlon at Queens University of Charlotte

RIDLEY ARANDA will play tennis at UW-Whitewater

TY TIPTON will play football for UW-Whitewater

LAUREN SOYKE will play basketball for Carroll College

KAYLA BATES will play softball at Morgan State University

SAM COOK will play lacrosse for the College of Wooster

NICK PORFILIO will play lacrosse for St. Bonaventure University

KEVIN NORRIS will play lacrosse for Marietta College

ENZO CARINI will play soccer for St. Mary's University

JALEN JOHNSON will play basketball at Duke University. Jalen received the **Lifetime Knight Award** for his talents on the basketball court, sportsmanship and his positive contributions to the Nicolet community, encouraging school spirit and pride.

LOUISA WOOD NAMED FRC DEAN'S LIST FINALIST

Nicolet junior Louisa was named a First Robotics Competition (FRC) Dean's List Finalist. The Dean's List Award is the highest honor that an individual student can be awarded in the First Robotics Competition, given to only 10 of 100,000 participating students. Congratulations, Louisa!



MOCK TRIAL TEAM AT STATE

The Nicolet 1 Mock Trial team took 1st place in the Kenosha Regionals and qualified for State. Congratulations to the team and Coach Nimmer!

NICOLET PRESENTS: LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

Congratulations to the Nicolet Theatre Department, Music Department, student actors, crew, and musicians, for a delightful presentation of Little Shop of Horrors! Putting on a horror-comedy-rock-musical is no easy task, and the Nicolet team excelled at helping this story of romance and success come to life! Little Shop of Horrors was honored with the Outstanding Musical Award by the Jerry Awards.

NICOLET ARTISTS RECEIVE RECOGNITION

At the Wisconsin Association of School Boards Art Exhibition, **Brianna Hintz's** painting, "The Welcoming Unknown" won first place and **Anika Byrne's** piece entitled "Balance" won 8th place.

The following students received Silver and Gold Key Awards at the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards **Arina Baranoff, Anika Byrne, Brianna Hintz, Ayaka Ishikuri, Caleb Kerkman, Sophie Schnoll, Una Sewell, Maia Sherry and Daniela Steinberg!** View student artwork on the Nicolet website: nicolet.us/nicolet_news.cfm#d739506



FACILITIES

LONG-RANGE PLANNING KICKS OFF

Last fall, Nicolet began a long-range planning process for district facilities. The District engaged Eppstein Uhen Architects and J.H. Findorff & Son (construction) to assess the overall condition, utilization and educational adequacy of the building and help identify potential solutions to improve the condition and modernize facilities. We also gathered input from students, staff and the broader community.

Did you know?

THE MAJORITY OF THE
358,000_{SF}
SCHOOL WAS BUILT
70+ YEARS AGO

FACILITIES ASSESSMENT FINDINGS

The recently completed facilities assessment found needs in five categories:



The report indicated that while the District's facilities are well-maintained, many of the systems and components, such as mechanical and plumbing systems, which date back to the 1950s, are at the end of their life cycles and need replacement. The study found that the building is operating below its functional capacity and under the recommended utilization rate of 80%. The assessment also concluded that Nicolet lacks flexible and small group learning spaces to support current and future programming for students.

The full facilities assessment report and a video of a summary of findings are available on the District's website (<https://www.nicolet.us/district/facility-planning-process.cfm>).

S PLANNING UPDATE

STAFF, STUDENT & COMMUNITY INPUT



This spring, we surveyed our students and staff, and hosted multiple virtual community conversations to gather feedback about stakeholders' priorities for Nicolet facilities. This input will help guide the planning process going forward.

STAKEHOLDER PRIORITIES:

SAFETY & SECURITY

- Supervision
- Accessibility

MODERN LEARNING

- Transparency
- Collaboration
- Flexibility
- Future Ready

BUILDING CONDITION

- Mechanical Systems Renewal
- Comfort
- Welcoming

PARTNERSHIPS

- Community Access
- Athletic Facilities

NEXT STEPS

Using the findings from the facilities assessment, input received from stakeholders and the expertise of our partners, we've begun developing potential solutions to address Nicolet's needs and make the most of our opportunities. This work will continue throughout the summer. Watch our website and Facebook page for updates and additional opportunities for community input this fall.

LEARN MORE

More information, including the facilities assessment findings, is available at www.nicolet.us or by contacting Dr. Kabara at greg.kabara@nicolet.us or (414) 351-7525.

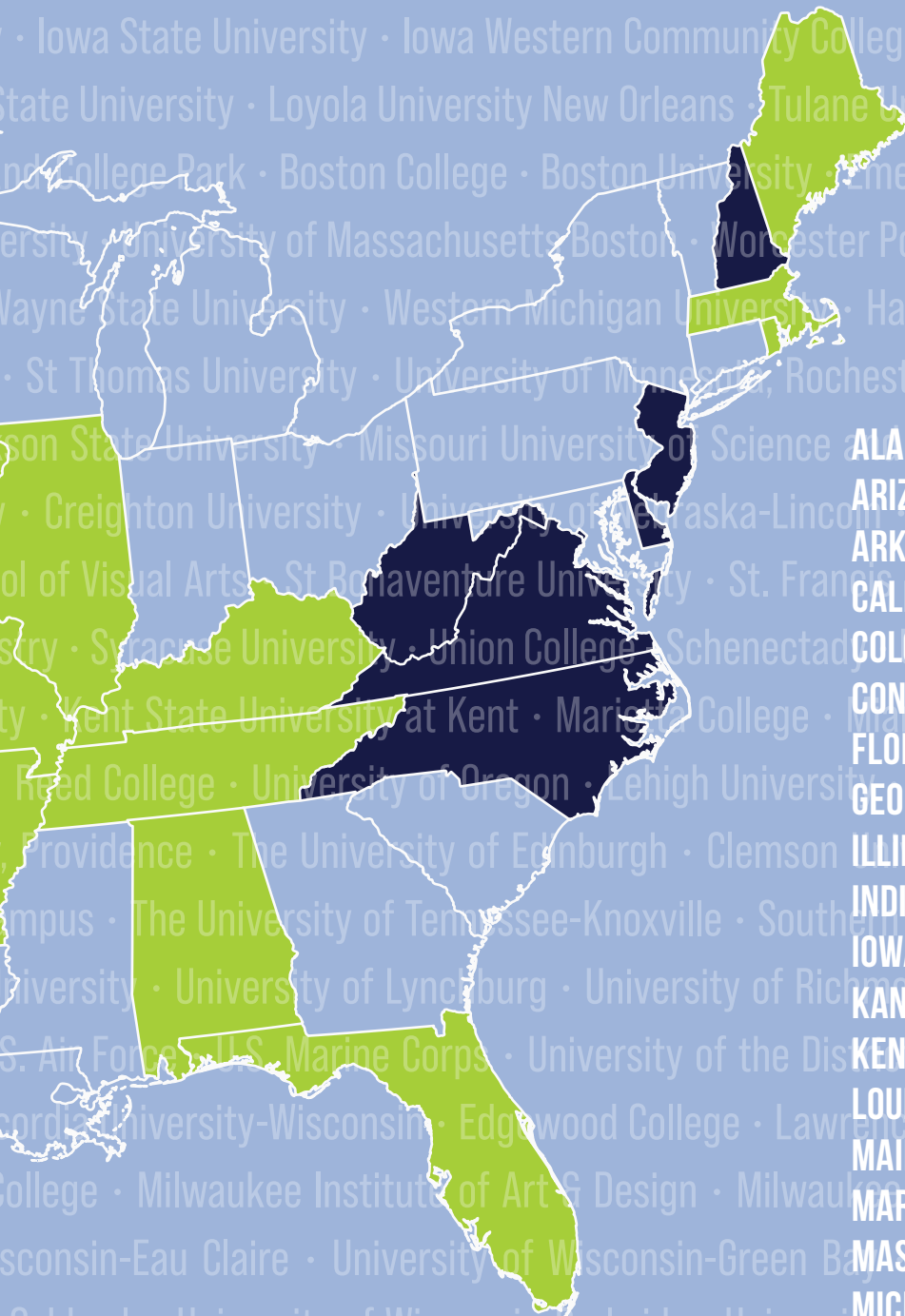
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State University-Fort Collins · University of Colorado-Boulder · University of Colorado-Colorado
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of Art and Design · Spelman College · University of Georgia · Columbia College Chicago · Auro
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University of Missouri-Columbia · Washington University in St. Louis · Montana State University
Smith Colleges · Ithaca College · New York University · Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute · Scho
Brook University, State University of New York · SUNY College of Environmental Science and Fore
at Buffalo The State University of New York · University of North Dakota · John Carroll Universit
· The Ohio State University · University of Cincinnati · Xavier University · Lewis & Clark College ·
Joseph's University · University of Pittsburgh-Pittsburgh Campus · Johnson & Wales University
College of Charleston · University of South Carolina-Columbia · Saint Louis University · Madrid Ga
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Wisconsin-River Falls · University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point · University of Wisconsin-Stout ·

ATIONS 2020

The Class of 2020 was accepted into over 200 colleges across the globe! We are incredibly proud of our graduating Knights and we can't wait to see what exciting things they'll do next.



ALABAMA - 2	MISSISSIPPI - 1
ARIZONA - 4	MISSOURI - 1
ARKANSAS - 1	MONTANA - 5
CALIFORNIA - 4	NEBRASKA - 2
COLORADO - 6	NEW YORK - 16
CONNECTICUT - 3	NORTH DAKOTA - 1
FLORIDA - 5	OHIO - 8
GEORGIA - 6	OREGON - 3
ILLINOIS - 16	PENNSYLVANIA - 4
INDIANA - 9	RHODE ISLAND - 1
IOWA - 8	SOUTH CAROLINA - 4
KANSAS - 2	TENNESSEE - 1
KENTUCKY - 1	TEXAS - 1
LOUISIANA - 4	UTAH - 1
MAINE - 2	VERMONT - 2
MARYLAND - 3	VIRGINIA - 6
MASSACHUSETTS - 9	WASHINGTON - 1
MICHIGAN - 7	WASHINGTON D.C. - 7
MINNESOTA - 12	WISCONSIN - 36



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Elizabeth (Libby) Gutterman, Vice President

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Theresa Seem, Treasurer

Marilyn Franklin, Board Member

UPCOMING SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

Meetings are conducted over Zoom until further notice.

July 13: School Board Meeting (6:00 p.m.)

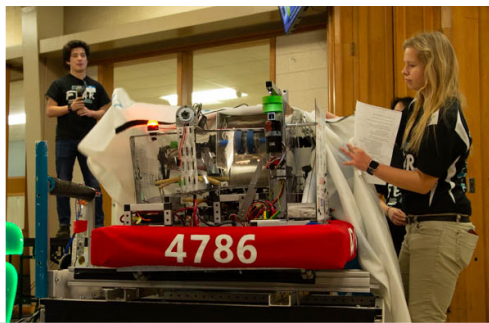
August 24: School Board Meeting (6:00 p.m.)

August 24: Annual Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

September 10: Committee of the Whole Meeting (4:00 p.m.)

September 28: School Board Meeting (6:00 p.m.)

Visit the district website for additional meeting dates.



WINTER BASKETBALL SOCIAL

Students shared their Nicolet pride at the pep assembly and winter social before the girls home basketball game on February 7.

ROBOT REVEAL

Nicolet FEAR held their annual Robot Reveal, introducing their competition robot, "Gonk."

CARNAVAL

Spanish Honor Society and the Spanish Club joined forces to celebrate Carnival with traditional food, decorated masks and a hallway parade.

