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## Spring 2018



### NICOLET KNIGHTS NEWS

A Newsletter for the Residents of the Nicolet School District

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It's hard to believe that the end of another school year is fast approaching. Spring is one of the busiest times of the year at Nicolet and also one of the most exciting. A number of our students are participating in competitions and presenting final projects at a variety of events across the state and the country.

The accolades our students receive are an acknowledgment of their hard work and dedication throughout

this academic year. As always, we are proud to share these accomplishments with you in our annual spring newsletter and we hope you will join us in congratulating our outstanding students.

In addition to our regular student news we are also happy to provide updates on our athletic facilities redevelopment project. In this newsletter you will read about a new partnership between Nicolet and the Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE) to move forward with plans for a baseball stadium at Maslowski Park in Glendale.

Finally, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) has informed Nicolet that construction on Green Tree Road will start in the coming weeks. Nicolet, like many local residents, is making adjustments to our regular daily activities as a result of WisDOT's project. We've shared information with families about pick-up and drop-off procedures, which is recapped in this newsletter. WisDOT is the best source for the most current information about their construction plans.

I want to encourage all district residents to visit the Nicolet website regularly as a source of timely information and updates. Following Nicolet High School on Facebook and Twitter is also a great way to stay up-to-date. I welcome your thoughts and feedback on the updates in this newsletter. You can reach me at [robert.kobylski@nicolet.us](mailto:robert.kobylski@nicolet.us) and **414.351.7525**.

Yours in education,

Robert Kobylski, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS



**May 16:** North Shore Conference Tennis Tournament  
1:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. at Nicolet High School

**May 17:** Merit Award Ceremony  
2:40 p.m.–3:45 p.m. in the Nicolet High School Cafeteria

**May 30:** Senior Awards  
6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. in the Nicolet Fine Arts Centre (Auditorium)

**June 2:** Cookies & Cram  
10:00 a.m.–Noon in the Nicolet High School Cafeteria

**June 3:** Graduation  
11:00 a.m. at The Miller High Life Theater (previously named Milwaukee Theatre)

**June 12:** Summer School Begins  
7:30 a.m.–Noon

*More dates are available at [www.nicolet.us](http://www.nicolet.us)*

Stay up-to-date on all the latest happenings and events at Nicolet by following us on social media.



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SEE PAGE 2 FOR AN  
UPDATE ON THE GREEN  
TREE ROAD BRIDGE  
CONSTRUCTION





## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Greetings Nicolet families,

As the end of the school year approaches, I am continually in awe of the accomplishments of our students. You will see many of them noted throughout the newsletter. I am particularly proud of our seniors that we will honor in a graduation ceremony on June 3 at The Miller High Life

Theater (previously named the Milwaukee Theatre). Be sure to follow Nicolet on social media to stay up to date on the latest Nicolet news and see photos from the end of the year events.

While we still have many exciting accomplishments and events to come this spring, we are also starting to look toward next fall. Student schedules for the 2018–19 school year have been finalized. Any schedule changes must be requested prior to June 15 and will only be granted on a space available basis. This deadline is a change from our past selection process and was necessary in order to continue offering the wide range of classes available at Nicolet High School. Course selection affects the allocation of teaching staff, the amount of course materials ordered and class sizes. Parents, if you haven't already, be sure to review your student's 2018–2019 course selections before the deadline for changes.

Thank you parents, students, staff and the greater Nicolet community for your support of Nicolet High School. It is a pleasure to work in this positive community that continually fosters standards of excellence for our school.

—Principal Dr. Greg Kabara

## A MESSAGE FROM WISDOT – GREEN TREE ROAD BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION



The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is reconstructing the Green Tree Road Bridge over I-43, which requires road and ramp closures near Nicolet. The project will continue into next fall, requiring the Nicolet community to make adjustments throughout.

To accommodate the new traffic patterns as best we can, special arrangements will be made for school drop-off and pick-up this spring.

Bus pick-up times will be 5 minutes earlier.

DOT personnel will be in place to direct traffic entering and leaving the parking lots at Nicolet.

Please review the detailed procedures and maps available on the Nicolet website: <http://www.nicolet.us/district/greentree-road-construction.cfm> .

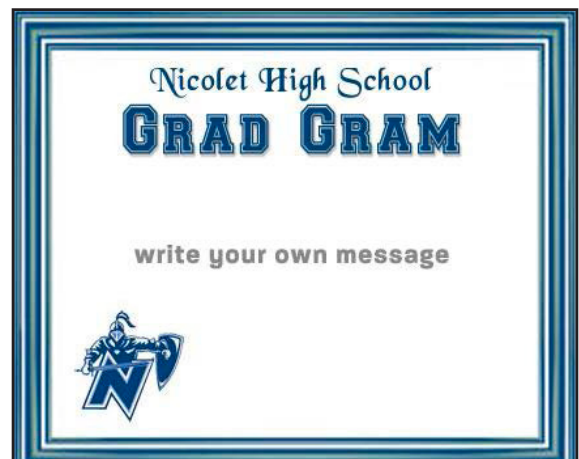
These procedures will be in place for the first stage of construction, which will take place over the next several months. WisDOT is planning a full closure of the Green Tree Bridge this fall. The district will share updated traffic procedures prior to the start of the next school year.

We know this will be an adjustment for the Nicolet community and we appreciate your understanding and patience throughout this process. You can stay up to date on the project by visiting: <https://projects.511wi.gov/greentree>.

## PTSO UPDATE

**GRAD GRAMS** are a Nicolet tradition and are available for purchase now! Show how proud you are of your child, grandchild, neighbor, friend, or retiring Nicolet staff. Each Grad Gram will include a personalized message along with the sender's name and will be assembled into individual keepsake booklets. The booklets will be presented at graduation rehearsal. Funds raised from Grad Grams support graduating senior activities and other PTSO events. See additional details on purchasing Grad Grams on the PTSO page of the Nicolet High School website, or contact Nina Capati at [invcapati@hotmail.com](mailto:invcapati@hotmail.com).

Visit the PTSO online at <http://www.nicolet.us/families/ptso.cfm> or "like" us on Facebook to stay connected and learn more about our spring activities, including Cookies & Cram.





## FOUNDATION UPDATE

Proceeds from the Nicolet High School Foundation's signature fundraising event, The Knight on the Town, will help fund a major renovation of the visual arts department in addition to supporting the Foundation's Enrichment Grant Program.

An anonymous donor has pledged to fund one-third of the much-needed major upgrade to the art department. The Nicolet School District will fund another third, and the Nicolet High School Foundation will fund the final third with proceeds from the Knight on the Town. Please visit <http://www.nicolet.us/families/foundation.cfm> for more information and to make a donation.



## BOOSTER CLUB UPDATE

The **Driven to Give** fundraiser is on **May 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Take 15 minutes out of your day and stop by Nicolet to test drive a car to benefit our student-athletes. There is no sales pressure and Nicolet earns \$40 per test drive. Our goal is to have 125 drivers, which earns Nicolet \$5,000! The proceeds will be used for new safety wall padding in the NHS gyms. We hope to see you there!



## ALUMNI NEWS AND FACULTY ACCOLADES

**Jeanne Theoharis ('87)** is a historian and author of the book "A More Beautiful and Terrible History: The Uses and Misuses of Civil Rights History," which takes an in-depth look at the ways society celebrates and honors the Civil Rights movement.

**Justin Hurwitz ('03)**, composer of the motion picture "La La Land," won 2 Grammys for Best Compilation Soundtrack for Visual Media and Best Score Soundtrack for Visual Media.

Nicolet Social Studies teacher **Sue Bolly** has earned the distinction as a Global Classroom Teacher Fellow through the Department of State's Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs. As part of this program, she was selected to travel to Senegal in April for two weeks and work in a local school. Nicolet is proud to have leaders in education, like Sue Bolly, who bring global education to our classrooms.

School Nurse **Peggy Yee** recently began the process to make Nicolet a certified Project ADAM Heart Safe School, the first school in the North Shore to attain this status. Last year, a spectator at a Nicolet basketball game suffered a cardiac arrest, but survived due to the quick response of Nicolet's athletic trainer and an AED. As a show of thanks, the spectator donated another AED to the school through Project ADAM, learn more at <https://www.projectadam.com/>.

Nicolet is well on its way to receiving the certification, with an assembled cardiac emergency response team and organized drills to prepare the team to respond quickly in case of emergency. Through the Project ADAM Heart Safe School Designation Program, our school will be connected to resources to prevent sudden cardiac death in our school and community!

To submit an update about Nicolet alumni, please send the alumnus name, graduation year, and relevant information to [public.relations@nicolet.us](mailto:public.relations@nicolet.us). Submissions will be reviewed for publication in future newsletters and other district communications.

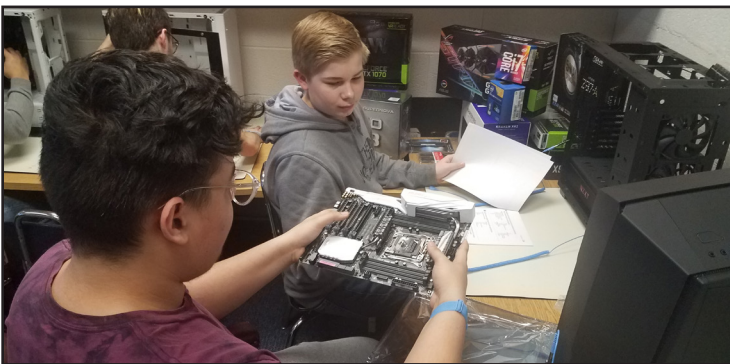


**Nicolet FEAR** is going to the World Championships! After three intense days of competition against several world class teams, FEAR ended the Wisconsin Regional competition as a Regional Finalist and qualified to attend the World Championships in Detroit, MI from April 25–28. Additional season accolades include:

- Earning 6<sup>th</sup> overall seed and qualifying for the playoffs at the Heartland Regional in Kansas City
- *Entrepreneurship Award* sponsored by Kleiner Perkins Caufield at the Heartland Regional
- *Underwriters Laboratories Safety Award* at the Heartland Regional
- *FCA Foundation's Spirit Award* for unwavering morale at the Wisconsin Regional in Milwaukee

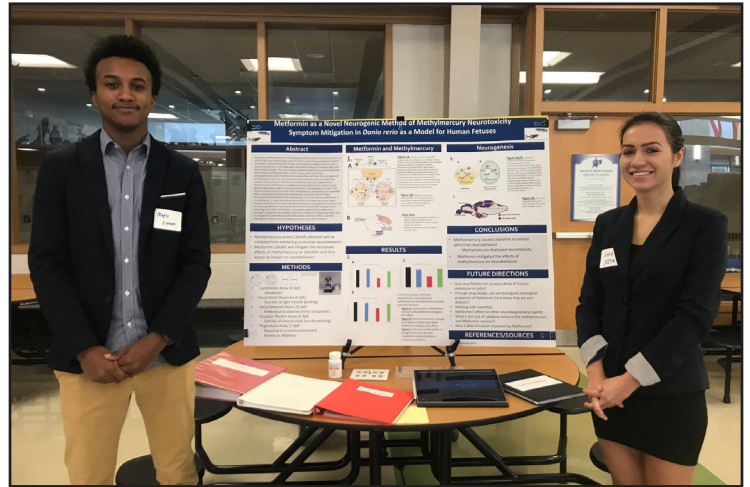
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Business and Technology Teacher **Mike Kania** recently began offering the CompTIA A+ program, a highly regarded IT certification, at Nicolet this year. Nicolet is one of very few high schools in the country that offer this program, giving students an edge when they enter the workforce. In class, students participate in simulated labs and work in the “build zone” to install the necessary components, software and systems to build a fully-functioning computer from the ground up. We are proud to offer the CompTIA A+ certification program as a course at Nicolet to give our students another opportunity to prepare for their future careers.



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Nicolet Junior **Madison Wolff** has been accepted, with a full scholarship, to the prestigious American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Summer Advocacy Program in Washington D.C. During this intensive 8-day program, students learn directly from lawyers, lobbyists, community activists, and other experts working to defend the civil rights and liberties critical to a free and open society. Congratulations, Madison!



**Anna Spektor** and **Napsy Isahaku** won Best of Show at both Nicolet's Science and Engineering Fair and the Badger State Science and Engineering Fair for their project titled “Metformin as a Novel Neurogenic Method of Methylmercury Neurotoxicity Symptom Mitigation in *Danio rerio* as a Model for Human Fetuses.” This duo was selected to represent Wisconsin in the competition against thousands of students from over 75 countries at the prestigious International Science and Engineering Fair in Pittsburgh from May 13–18.

**Louisa Wood** won three specialty awards and a first place award in the engineering category at the Badger State Science and Engineering Fair for her project titled “Using BLE (Bluetooth Low Energy) Beacons and 2D (Two Dimensional) Trilateration in a Mobile Application to Assist People Suffering From Severe Vision Loss and Blindness with Home Navigation and Spatial Awareness.” Louisa was also selected to represent Nicolet at the International Science and Engineering Fair!

Congratulations and good luck to all!

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Senior **Sarah Fleming** was honored as one of two students to represent the state of Wisconsin as a delegate to the United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP) in Washington D.C. from March 3–10. This is the second year in a row that a Nicolet student has been selected for the USSYP with Nicolet student Ananda Deacon representing Wisconsin in 2017.

As one of only 104 high school students from across the country, Sarah attended meetings and briefings with senators, members of the House of Representatives, leaders of cabinet agencies, an ambassador to the United States, a justice of the Supreme Court and the president.

## STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS



Nicolet is proud to have eight students selected as finalists for the 2018 National Merit Scholarships! Congratulations to **Rachel C. Blumenthal, Christopher P. Hellman, Lucas W. Houchin-Miller, John R. Karnes, George Spencer Lawton, Anna McDougall, Thomas D. Nguyen, and Benjamin C. Vuchetich!**

13 Nicolet students participated in the regional National History Day competition at UWM in March. Four students will go on to represent Nicolet at the state competition:

- **Miah Bohlen** for her individual documentary: “The World Labor Athletic Carnival: Triumph Over the Nazi Olympics.”
- **Alex Reindel** for his individual exhibit: “Martin Luther: Reformer in the Age of Change.”
- **Ava Wales** for her individual website: “Conflict and Compromise: The Job of a Network Censor.”
- **Ituoghiirisic Igoni** and **Megan Stevens** for their group website: “Conflict and Compromise: Angela Davis: Facing the Color of Justice.”

The first alternates are:

- **Sara Gendelman** for her individual website: “Bernice Bernstein: A New Deal Crusader for the Poor.” Inspired by Sara's great aunt, one of the first woman to graduate from the UW Law School and graduated first in her class.
- **Zane Brinnington** for his individual documentary: “Ray Kroc v. The McDonald Brothers: The Hidden History Behind the Iconic Golden Arches.”

Eight Nicolet seniors (**Yoni Altman-Shafer, Rachel Blumenthal, Julia Bohlen, Sarah Fleming, Ryan Morton, Jonah Packman, Elizabeth Saggio, and Ben Vuchetich**) traveled to Washington D.C. in February for AmeriMUNC, a Model UN conference put on by American University. Elizabeth Saggio, Rachel Blumenthal, and Ben Vuchetich won awards for their work as delegates from Catalonia, Russia, and Albania. Congratulations!

The **Nicolet Mock Trial Team** had a fantastic season! They sent three teams to the Racine Regional Competition in which Nicolet Mock Trial Team #1 took first place out of 14 teams. Team #1 then went on to the State Mock Trial Competition in Madison and placed 17<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations!

### “CROSSING THE LINE” EXHIBIT



Nicolet High School will host an exhibit celebrating Milwaukee's unique history in the national struggle for civil rights to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Milwaukee Fair Housing Marches of 1967–1968.

The exhibit will be open for NHS student and partner school viewing from Friday, April 27 to Sunday, May 13.

The public will have an opportunity to view the exhibit Wednesday, May 9 from 5:00–8:00 p.m. This event includes the MEPA (Multi-Ethnic Parenting Association) scholarship awards ceremony with keynote speaker Fred Reed, a former Commando, at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Ms. Santacroce by email at [phyllis.santacroce@nicolet.us](mailto:phyllis.santacroce@nicolet.us) or by phone at 414.351.8266.



The **Nicolet Wrestling** team sent a school record 13 wrestlers to the WIAA Sectional Wrestling Championships and Junior Parker Keckeisen capped off the season by winning the State Championship in the 170 lbs division. He became just the second Wrestler in school history to win a State Championship and the first since 1962.

The **Ski Team** sent eight skiers to the State Tournament: Harry Rosmann, Jake Tarnowski, David Zetley, Jack Wieggers, Mike McLaughlin, Sam Peterson, Sydney Smith, and Anabella Rosmann. The **Boys Swim** team qualified two divers and four swimmers for the WIAA State Swim meet: Noah Sucher, Chris Trad, Brady Mandella, Ben Westfahl, Sam Fedderly and Chris Hellman.

The **Gymnastics** team won the WIAA Sectional Championship despite being the smallest school in Division 1, six girls competed in the State Tournament: Cailin Mahoney, Abbe Hansen, Kynnedi Malone, Beatrice Dinauer, Nina Iskandarsjach and Morgan Schiff. **Boys Basketball** finished second in the North Shore Conference and were led by Sophomore Jamari Sibley and Seniors Jack Brahm, Jacob Polan and Jeremy Ninham.

In all, **Nicolet Athletic teams in the Fall and Winter qualified eight teams for the State Tournament, 33 individual athletes for the State Tournament and 50 athletes were named All-Conference.**



**Nicholas Holmes** (Cross Country), **Maxwell Selbach** (Cross Country) and **Sean Shtivelberg** (Volleyball) were nominated for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel High School Sports WIAA Athlete of the Year.

### ATHLETIC FACILITIES UPDATE

Nicolet’s comprehensive athletic facilities improvement plan calls for reconstructing the District’s outdoor athletic facilities on the main campus (west of Jean Nicolet Road) and developing new athletic fields at Maslowski Park. The District remains committed to raising private funds to pay for the redevelopment, and taxpayer dollars will not be used for the construction of the new athletic facilities.

We are excited to announce a partnership between the District and the Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE) to construct a baseball stadium at Maslowski Park. This will serve as the new home of MSOE’s baseball team and the Nicolet Boys Baseball team.

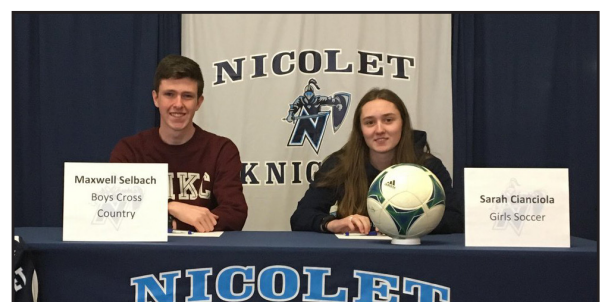
The District is also in final negotiations to sell the upper fields property east of I-43. The sale proceeds will help to fund development of the new main campus facilities. Pending final approvals from the City of Glendale, ICAP plans to build a bank, grocery store and 145 senior housing units.

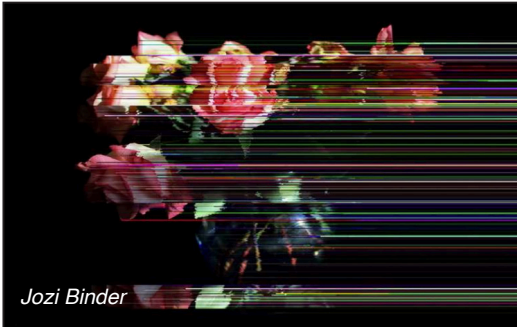
For more information please visit the district website: [http://www.nicolet.us/activities/nicolet\\_athletic\\_facilities.cfm](http://www.nicolet.us/activities/nicolet_athletic_facilities.cfm)

### LETTER OF INTENT SIGNING CEREMONY

Nicolet hosted a Letter of Intent Signing Day for six senior athletes committing to collegiate athletics next year:

- **Sarah Cianciola** (Girls Soccer)— Thomas Jefferson University
- **Cassidy Eiers** (Girls Track & Cross Country)— UW-Eau Claire
- **Cori Meyers** (Girls Volleyball)— Winona State University
- **Lia Oren** (Girls Lacrosse)— Goucher College
- **Maxwell Selbach** (Boys Cross Country)— University of Missouri-Kansas City
- **Sean Shtivelberg** (Boys Volleyball)— Marymount University





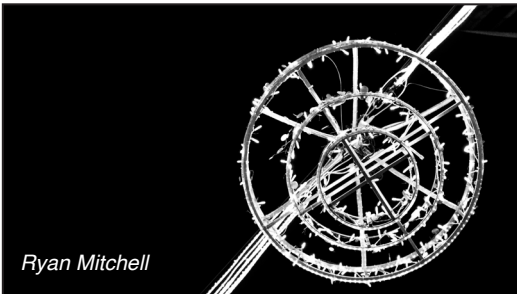
Jozi Binder



Ashlyn Buchman



Cassidy Eiers



Ryan Mitchell



RaeVaughn Lord-Huertas

## SCHOLASTIC ART AWARDS

Congratulations to the Nicolet students recognized by the prestigious Scholastic Art Awards program! Winners were selected from a total of 3,754 submissions throughout the state. Nicolet student portfolios earned 1 Gold, 2 Silver and 3 Honorable Mentions and individual awards earned 5 Gold Keys, 8 Silver Keys and 13 Honorable Mentions.

### INDIVIDUAL GOLD KEY WINNERS

Jozi Binder (Senior)  
 Ashlyn Buchman (Senior)  
 Cassidy Eiers (Senior)  
 RaeVaughn Lord-Huertas (Junior)  
 Ryan Mitchell (Junior)

### INDIVIDUAL SILVER KEY WINNERS

Elianna Berman (Senior)  
 Kendra Dittmar (Senior)  
 Miles George (Senior)  
 Emma Laskowski (Senior)  
 Cailin Mahoney (Senior)  
 Ryan Mitchell (Junior)  
 Leah Weiler (Senior)

### ART PORTFOLIO WINNERS

Ashlyn Buchman (Senior)—Gold Key  
 Emma Laskowski (Senior)—Silver Key

To view the full list of winners and photos of their artwork, visit the Nicolet website:  
[http://www.nicolet.us/nicolet\\_news.cfm#d563139](http://www.nicolet.us/nicolet_news.cfm#d563139)



## UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

- **Children's Show—Charlotte's Web**  
 April 28 (10:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m.)  
 April 29 (1:00 p.m., 3:30 p.m.)
- **Choir Concert**  
 May 14 (7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.)

- **Band Concert**  
 May 17 (7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.)
- **An Evening of One Acts**  
 May 18 & 19 (7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.)

- **Orchestra and Band Symphony Concert**  
 May 24 (7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.)



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## UPCOMING SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

*Meetings are held in the Library (D110)*

**May 10:** Board Workshop (4:00 p.m.)  
**May 29:** Board Meeting (6:00 p.m.)  
**June 25:** Board Meeting (6:00 p.m.)

*Visit the district website for additional meeting dates.*

## SMILE, NICOLET!



*Nicolet FEAR qualified to attend the World Championships at the Wisconsin Regional competition.*



*Junior Parker Keckeisen capped off his undefeated season (32-0) by winning the Wrestling State Championship in the 170 lbs division. He became just the second wrestler in school history to win a State Championship and the first since 1962.*



*Talented Nicolet Theatre students presented a lively rendition of the musical based on America's favorite ghoulish family, "The Addams Family." The production, led by director Laura Anderle, was nominated for 21 Tommy Awards.*



*Members of the German Club spent an evening at Hunger Task Force learning about efforts to improve nutrition for food pantry recipients. Students sorted and boxed 12,000 pounds of food!*