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NICOLET KNIGHTS NEWS

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We were excited to kick off the 2018-19 school year with our annual red carpet welcome for students. This tradition is a testament to the supportive learning environment we foster at Nicolet.

Faculty and staff started back a week before students arrived. For the fifth year Nicolet and our partner K-8 districts, Fox Point-Bayside, Glendale-River Hills and Maple Dale-Indian Hills coordinated professional development efforts to start the

school year off on the right foot. This collaboration between the districts allows all of us to continue aligning our efforts and make sure that students in all grade levels are receiving the quality education they deserve.

This newsletter includes information about some new initiatives as well as updates related to ongoing projects, such as improvements to Nicolet's athletic facilities and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's reconstruction of the Green Tree Road Bridge over I-43. We're also taking the opportunity to highlight some of the student and faculty accomplishments since our last newsletter that you received in the spring. We look forward to carrying that momentum into the new academic year.

Engaging parents and the greater community in our efforts at Nicolet is an important part of our continued success. As always, I welcome your thoughts and feedback. You can reach me at robert.kobylski@nicolet.us and **414-351-7525**. A reminder the Nicolet website is updated with timely information, and you can follow Nicolet High School on Facebook and Twitter to stay up-to-date as well.

Here's to another great year at Nicolet! Go Knights!

Yours in education,

Robert Kobylski, Ed.D.
Superintendent

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



October 12: Tailgate Knight
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Nicolet High School

Homecoming Football Game vs. Cedarburg
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Nicolet High School

October 13: Homecoming Dance
8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. at Nicolet High School

October 18: Parent Teacher Conferences
3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at Nicolet High School

October 19: Parent Teacher Conferences
7:30 a.m. - Noon at Nicolet High School

November 3: Autumn Artisan's Fair
10:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m. at Nicolet High School

November 9-11: Nicolet Theatre presents "Radium Girls"
Nicolet High School Auditorium

December 19: Winter Concert
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Nicolet High School

More dates are available at 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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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Greetings Nicolet families,

I am looking forward to the new school year with great anticipation and I know that Nicolet students will continue to thrive this year and beyond. Be sure to follow Nicolet on social media to stay up-to-date on the latest Nicolet news and see photos of the exciting events taking place this upcoming school year.

I encourage parents to communicate directly with your child's teachers and mark your calendars for Parent Teacher Conferences on October 18 - 19. By working together to support our students we can ensure their success.

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



2018-19 NEW FACULTY

Join us in welcoming these new teachers and faculty members to the Nicolet learning community:

Sarah Dickerson (Special Education), Chip Johnston (Learning Center Coordinator), Rachel Kornoff (Special Education), Jessyca Ogier (Special Education), Jessica Roark (Spanish), Dan Schramka (Careers), Trinny Schumann (Music), Catherine Schwalbach (Spanish), Carly Shinnors (Math) and Amy Umberger (Math).

The District is also welcoming Jeff Pruefer as our new Director of Business Services and Maryann Newenhouse as our new District Accountant.

CURRICULUM UPDATE

This fall for the first time, Nicolet is offering AP Seminar. AP Seminar is the first of two courses in the AP Capstone program. AP Research is the second course which may be offered in the future. If a student earns scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on four additional AP exams of his/her choosing, he/she will receive the AP Capstone Diploma. This signifies outstanding academic achievement and attainment of college-level academic and research skills. Alternatively, if a student earned scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research only, he/she will receive the AP Seminar and Research Certificate.

AP Seminar will equip students with the ability to look at academic or real world issues from multiple perspectives. Students will tackle complex questions, understand and evaluate opposing viewpoints, interpret and synthesize information, and construct, communicate, and defend evidence-based arguments.

GREEN TREE ROAD CONSTRUCTION



REMINDER

The Green Tree Road Bridge over I-43 is estimated to be closed until early December. Please alter your traffic patterns and leave plenty of time for your commute to school. Visit the Nicolet website for information about school drop-off and pick-up procedures. For updates on the project's progress, visit: <https://projects.511wi.gov/greentree>.

PTSO UPDATES

The PTSO (Parent Teacher Student Organization) welcomes you and invites you to join us for our meetings on the third Thursday of each month. This is a great way to get involved with the Nicolet High School community. Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

Questions? Please contact us at nicoletptso@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you soon,

Traci Schwartz, Kris Barger, Janice Pfaffl, and Brenda Stelzer (PTSO Board)



FOUNDATION UPDATE

During the 2017-2018 school year, The Foundation awarded \$12,000 to faculty and students in the form of enrichment grants, including \$5,000 to help FEAR with the costs of attending the World Championships and \$2,000 for Senior Service Day. For a complete list of Foundation funded projects visit:



<http://www.nicolet.us/families/foundation.cfm>

The Foundation is looking to fill the openings on it's board. It's a great way to positively impact your child's education! If you'd like to learn more visit our webpage, attend a meeting (7:30 a.m. on the first Wednesday of the month), or call Chris Macon at (414) 351-7561.

The Foundation expresses its most sincere gratitude to retiring board members Susie Falk, Marylyn Scheuer and Sharon Shapiro. The successes of the past few years would not have been possible without their time, energy, and expertise. Thank you!

Please join us for our annual "friendraiser" Tailgate Knight before the Homecoming Game. Watch the weekly updates and our Facebook page for more information.



ALUMNI NEWS

Adam Levin ('90) is a local history enthusiast, amateur photographer and administrator of the Old Milwaukee Facebook group.

Alexei Medvedev ('04) works in Washington DC as a microbiologist and takes photographs in his free time. He is currently showing work at Building 52.

Alexis Block ('12) is a researcher at the Max Planck Institute for Intelligent Systems in Germany working on the "HuggieBot" a humanoid robot that provides hugs.

Andy Armacost ('85) just won a new car on the game show "The Price is Right."

Brad Gordon ('80) has purchased and plans to renovate the Reuss Federal Plaza building in downtown Milwaukee.

Dan Arnold ('98) is a photographer in New York City with photographs featured in the New York Times.

Elan Peltz ('87) is a developer that plans to renovate the former Hayek's Pharmacy building into a coffee shop, apartments, and more while maintaining it's vintage sign.

Garrett Weber-Gale ('03) was inducted into the Wisconsin Swimming Hall of Fame.

Michael Poll ('95) won a silver medal as a member of the Special Olympic Wisconsin Basketball Team at the USA Games in Seattle.

Mike Engel ('80) owns and is the chef at French restaurant, "Pastiche" in Milwaukee.

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

FACULTY ACCOLADES

English Language Learner Teacher and Coordinator **Amy Melik** traveled to Southern Poverty Law Center in Alabama in July as part of her Advisory Board position with Teaching Tolerance, a free resource to educators that emphasizes social justice and anti-bias.

Social Studies Teacher **Sue Bolly** earned the distinction as a Global Classroom Teacher Fellow through the Department of State's Bureau of Education and Cultural Services. As part of the program, she was selected to travel to Senegal last April. She made many great connections on her trip and is excited to grow the Nicolet Global Scholars Program. Read her travel blog here: <http://suebollyeconomics.weebly.com/travel>.

Physical Education/Health Teacher **Megan Lund** and Chemistry/Environmental Science Teacher **Andi Winkle** were the recipients of the 2018 Pella Grant from the Wisconsin Society of Science Teachers. This grant provides the school with \$1,000 for the new Environmental Education and Outdoor Pursuits class. This class combines water quality, climate, and ecology with activities such as cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, kayaking, and more! The grant will be used to purchase cross-country skis for the class.

Social Studies Teacher **Phyllis Santacroce** was nominated by National History Day in Wisconsin for the 2018 James F. Harris Teacher Award. Ms. Santacroce was one of 57 high school teachers across the country to be considered for this award, given to one middle and high school teacher annually.



Social Studies Teacher **Sue Bolly** and English Teacher **Lisa Wathen** were selected as 2018 Herb Kohl Fellowship recipients. Congrats to Sue and Lisa, two outstanding teachers and exceptional leaders!



STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS



Nicolet students **Louisa Wood**, **Anna Spektor**, and **Napsy Isahaku** were selected to compete at the prestigious International Science and Engineering Fair in Pittsburgh last May. Their participation is a significant feat, with 1,800 students qualifying from 81 different countries!

Napsy and Anna received a first place award in their category of Animal Science as well as a Best of Category award and earned \$8,000 in scholarship awards! To top it all off, they were one of two projects in the fair to be recipients of a Grand Award titled the Indo-US Science and Technology Visit to India Award, to compete and present their work to universities and researchers in India. Great work, all!

Nicolet Fear had a great debut at the World Championship finishing 8th seed alliance captains in their division! Congratulations!



Four Nicolet student-directors received awards from the Lake Country Film Festival:

- **Lia Oren's** *Storybook Music Video* received was the winner of the Best Actress award.
- **Nate Plotkin's** Single Topic Video, *Pills PSA*, was Runner Up in his category.
- **Wyatt Chang's** film, *Shoes*, received three awards at the festival: Winner Passion Piece, Winner Best Original Script, and Runner Up Best Overall Film.
- **Zachary Roszina's** video short *Everything Sucks* was Runner Up in his category and the winner of the Best Supporting Actor award.



Wyatt Chang's "Shoes" has officially been selected for the All American High School Film Festival in Times Square in New York City! This prestigious festival has submissions coming from all 50 states and over 40 additional countries. The film will have a showing at the AMC Theatre in Times Square the weekend of October 5th-7th.

Wyatt's film can be viewed on our YouTube Channel Knight Vision Network:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U563UiXaJYo>

Nicolet student **Ava Wales** represented the State of Wisconsin at the **National History Day** Competition in Washington D.C. in June. Her website, "Conflict and Compromise: The Job of Network Censor," that discusses the work done by networks in the 1950s and 1960s to self censor in a effort to avoid government intervention, placed 8th in the nation in the individual senior website category!

In addition, Nicolet student **Miah Bohlen**, won the National History Day Labor History Prize for the State of Wisconsin. Her documentary, "World Labor Athletic Carnival: Triumph Over the Nazi Olympics," described the alternative Olympic games organized by Jewish and labor organizations in the United States in 1936 to bring to light the injustices of the fascist government in Germany.

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Francisco Cid-Rodriguez and **Caroline Marowski**, Class of 2018 graduates, were awarded Congress-Bundestag Scholarships to Germany for the 2018-19 school year. **CBYX** scholars serve as youth ambassadors for the United States, sharing our culture with Germans and bringing the German culture back to their home communities. Francisco and Caroline are the 12th and 13th Nicolet German student to be selected for this program in the last fifteen years with only 250 students chosen annually for this program. Congratulations!

Nicolet's **Model UN** team sent 34 delegates representing Bolivia, Uruguay, and Norway to this year's conference at UWM. It was two intense days of negotiations and resolutions, with a number of Nicolet-sponsored documents making it to the floor of the General Assembly. **Julia Bohlen, Thomas Nguyen, Owen Porter, Dani Steinberg**, won Best Research awards, and the inimitable **Jonah Packman**, won awards for Best Research and Best Character Portrayal in the Joint Crisis Committee. Excellent work from these students!

Spanish students collected many honors on the **2018 National Spanish Exam**. 28 students who took the exam scored in the 90th percentile or above nationally. In the state of Wisconsin, there were 42 gold award winners, and Nicolet students were 14 (or 33%) of these state winners.

Nicolet French students had a good showing at the 2018 French National Contest. **Anna McDougall** won a gold medal and ranked sixth nationwide; **Yanni Ma, Mariana Torres-Alvarez, Louisa Wood, Julia Baldwin, Anna Gould, Ryan Malone, Kevin Norris, and Louis Miller** won a silver medal placing them in the 85th percentile nationwide; and **Madeleine Buckley, Meredith Riedijk, William Kissinger, Yoana Petrinska, Megan Sullivan, Anna Christenson and Caroline Schoenfeldt** won a bronze medal placing them in the 80th percentile nationwide. Great work!

2018 GERMAN AMERICAN PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (GAPP) TRIP

This summer a group of Nicolet students accompanied teachers Mark Wagner and Jennifer Bault to Germany as part of the **German American Partnership Program (GAPP)** in which both countries host the other's students for an educational cultural immersion experience. Nicolet has had an exchange relationship with the Gymnasium Leopoldinum going on 50 years. The German students are now visiting Nicolet for the first two weeks of the 2018-2019 school year. Check out some photos from Nicolet's 2018 GAPP trip:



Nicolet students having a farewell dinner in the Turkish area of Kreuzberg.



In Berlin, the students visited many historic monuments including the remains of the Berlin Wall.



After climbing the 4,058 foot mountain of the Eckbauer, students enjoyed the view overlooking the Alpine Summer Resort of Garmisch-Partenkirchen



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.

On August 30, the District sold the upper fields property east of I-43 to Forcap Glendale LLC, an affiliate of ICAP Development, for \$3.8 million. The sale of the upper fields will fund Phase I of the athletic facilities redevelopment project on the main campus. The District anticipates an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Glendale to be finalized in the very near future.

The District has partnered with the Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE) to construct a baseball stadium at Maslowski Park and construction will begin this fall with the goal of playing the 2019 season on the new field.

The District is continuing to work with community leaders and the booster club on fundraising efforts and potential naming rights for future phases of the project. **Taxpayer dollars will not be used to cover construction costs of new athletic facilities. Nor will any funds from the 2016 referendum be used on the project.**

For more information please visit the district website:

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



PERFORMING & FINE ARTS



The **Nicolet Theatre Department's** production of *The Addams Family* was nominated for an amazing 21 **Jerry Awards**, ultimately winning the award for Outstanding Musical! **Avery Mitchell, Ben Kramer** and **Gabe Smith** were also honored with individual awards for their roles. Many students worked hard to make *The Addams Family* successful, congratulations!



RaeVaughn Lord Hurtes received a Gold Key award at the **Scholastic Art Awards of Wisconsin** and was chosen to have his work displayed in Washington D.C. as part of The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers. His work entitled, "Exit on the Right" will be on display at the U.S. Department of Education as part of the Regional Highlight exhibition from September 14 - October 31, 2018.



Nicolet student **Avery Mitchell** received 1st Place at the **Congressional Art Competition** hosted by Gwen Moore for her painting "Emilie, Flora & Fauna." As part of her prize, Avery and her parents are flown to Washington D.C. to see her art professionally framed and on display. Her art will remain there for a year! She is also in the running for a \$10,000 scholarship to the school of her choice.

CLASS OF 2018



Nicolet graduates from the Class of 2018 were accepted into colleges and universities all across the county. We wish them great success as they start their first semester.

Adelphi University	Hawaii Pacific University	Pratt Institute	University of Memphis
Albright College	High Point University	Princeton University	University of Minnesota, Duluth
Alcorn State University	Hofstra University	Providence College	University of Minnesota, Morris
Alverno College	Howard University	Purdue University	University of Minnesota, Rochester
American University	Illinois State University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Arizona State University	Illinois Wesleyan University	Ringling College of Art and Design	University of Missouri, Columbia
Ball State University	Indiana State University	Ripon College	University of Missouri, Kansas City
Bard College	Indiana University at Bloomington	Roosevelt University	University of Nebraska at Lincoln
Belmont University	Iowa State University	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Newcastle, England, United Kingdom
Beloit College	Kansas State University	Rust College	University of North Carolina at Asheville
Binghamton University	Kenyon College	Rutgers University-New Brunswick	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Boston College	Kings College	Saint Louis University	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Boston University	Knox College	Saint Xavier University	University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Bradley University	Lake Forest College	San Diego State University	University of Northern Iowa
Brigham Young University, Idaho	Lane College	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Notre Dame
Brown University	Lawrence Technological University	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Oklahoma
Butler University	Lawrence University	Seattle University	University of Oregon
California State University, Long Beach	Lehigh University	Southcentral Kentucky Community & Technical College	University of Pennsylvania
Calvin College	Lesley University	Spring Arbor University	University of Pittsburgh
Cardinal Stritch University	Longwood University	St. Cloud State University	University of Puget Sound
Carleton College	Louisiana State University	St. Norbert College	University of San Francisco
Carnegie Mellon University	Louisiana State University at Eunice	State University of New York	University of South Florida, Tampa
Carroll University (Wisconsin)	Loyola Marymount University	Syracuse University	University of St Andrews
Carthage College	Loyola University Chicago	Temple University	University of St. Thomas
Central Michigan University	Macalester College	Tennessee State University	University of Tennessee
Central State University	Madison Area Technical College	Texas A&M University	University of Toronto
Clark Atlanta University	Marian University	Texas Southern University	University of Virginia
Cleveland State University	Marine Corps University	Ohio State University	University of Washington
Colorado State University	Marquette University	Thomas Jefferson University	University of Waterloo
Columbia College Chicago	Marymount University	Tufts University	University of Westminster
Concordia University Chicago	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Tulane University	University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire
Concordia University Wisconsin	McHenry County College	University of Advancing Technology	University of Wisconsin, Green Bay
Cornell University	Miami University, Oxford	University of Alabama	University of Wisconsin, La Crosse
Creighton University	Michigan State University	University of Arizona	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Dartmouth College	Middlebury College	University of the Arts	University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
DePaul University	Milwaukee Area Technical College	University at Buffalo - SUNY	University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh
Drake University	Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design	University of California, Berkeley	University of Wisconsin, Parkside
Drexel University	Milwaukee School of Engineering	University of California, Davis	University of Wisconsin, Platteville
Duke University	Minneapolis College of Art and Design	University of California, Santa Cruz	University of Wisconsin, River Falls
Eastern Illinois University	Minnesota State University, Mankato	University of Cincinnati	University of Wisconsin, Sheboygan
Edgewood College	Minnesota State University, Moorhead	University of Colorado at Denver	University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point
Emerson College	Mississippi State University	University of Colorado at Boulder	University of Wisconsin, Stout
Emmanuel College	Missouri State University	University of Dayton	University of Wisconsin, Waukesha
Emory University	Monmouth College	University of Denver	University of Wisconsin, Whitewater
Evergreen State College	Montana State University, Bozeman	University of Detroit Mercy	University of York, England, United Kingdom
Ferris State University	Mount Mary University	University of Florida	Utah State University
Fisher College	North Carolina State University	University of Georgia	VValparaiso University
Fisk University	Northeastern University	University of Illinois at Chicago	Washington University, St. Louis
Florida Southern College	Northwestern University	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Webster University
Florida Southwestern State College	Nova Southeastern University	University of Indianapolis	Wesleyan University
Florida State University	Nyack College	University of Iowa	Western Kentucky University
Fox Valley Technical College - Oshkosh Campus	Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences	University of Kansas	Western University
Gateway Technical College	Ohio University	University of Louisville	Wheeling Jesuit University
George Washington University	Ohio Wesleyan University	University of Maine	Winona State University
Georgia Institute of Technology	Otis College of Art and Design	University of Manchester, England, United Kingdom	Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College
Goucher College	Pace University, New York City	University of Maryland, College Park	Wisconsin Lutheran College
Hamline University	Palm Beach Atlantic University	University of Michigan	Xavier University
Hampshire College	Paul Mitchell the School-Chicago		Xavier University of Louisiana
	Pennsylvania State University		Yale University
	Prairie View A&M University		

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK!



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UPCOMING SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

Meetings are held in the Library (D110)

- September 24:** Board Meeting (6:00 p.m.)
- October 11:** Board Workshop (4:00 p.m.)
- October 22:** Board Meeting (6:00 p.m.)
- November 15:** Board Workshop (4:00 p.m.)
- November 26:** Board Meeting (6:00 p.m.)

Visit the district website for additional meeting dates.

SMILE, NICOLET!



Carrying on an annual tradition, faculty and staff lined the red carpet on Tuesday, September 4 to kick off the new school year and welcome students back as they entered the building.



The Class of 2018 spent Senior Service Day clearing invasive species, planting gardens and removing litter from Lake Park, Schlitz Audubon, GroundworkMKE, Victory Gardens, Hunger Task Force, Hank Aaron Trail, and the Urban Ecology Center.



The French department took 12 students to the island of Martinique during spring break. Students stayed with host families and discovered the beauty of the island!



Thanks to all who attended the Nicolet High School Foundation's Knight on the Town! The evening raised over \$30,000, which was matched by an anonymous donor, and will be used to renovate Nicolet's art instructional space!