

WINTER 2019

NICOLET

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **January 18:** PTSO Cocoa & Cram
10:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
- **January 24:** Nicolet Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Dinner
5:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.
- **January 29:** Nicolet Parent 101
5:30 p.m. — 6:00 p.m.
- **February 26 - March 1:** Nicolet Theatre Presents, Little Shop of Horrors
- **March 12:** Coffee & Bagels with the Superintendent
7:40 a.m. — 8:40 a.m.
- **March 18:** Nicolet Parent 101
5:30 p.m. — 6:00 p.m.
- **April 18:** Prom
6:30 p.m. — 11:00 p.m.
- **April 29:** Nicolet Parent 101
5:30 p.m. — 6:00 p.m.
- **May 14:** Coffee & Bagels with the Superintendent
7:40 a.m. — 8:40 a.m.

More dates are available at www.nicolet.us



KNIGHTS NEWS

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



It's hard to believe that we are quickly approaching the end of the decade. I don't know about you, but saying "2020" is going to take some time to get used to! As I reflect on 2019, the Nicolet community has a lot to be proud of. This newsletter highlights a few of the many student and faculty accomplishments this semester. I look forward to witnessing the incredible accomplishments of our students and teachers yet to come this academic year.

I'm thrilled to share that Nicolet qualified for the highest ranking on the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) 2018-2019 School Report Card, Significantly Exceeds Expectations. Nicolet scored 85.6, considerably outscoring state averages, with an increase of 4.1 points from the prior year's report card.

I am particularly proud of Nicolet's progress toward closing achievement gaps. Over the past six years, Nicolet staff has made equity and access a priority and has implemented several curriculum enhancements to help all students reach their academic potential. Although we recognize there is still work to be done, this report card emphasizes that our efforts are producing positive results.

On October 5, Nicolet, in partnership with MSOE, celebrated the successful completion of a state-of-the-art baseball stadium at Maslowski Park. I encourage you to take some time to read about the athletic facilities projects on page 7 to learn more about our fundraising campaign and how we are working to provide facilities that reflect the sense of pride our students deserve.

As always, I welcome your thoughts and feedback on the updates in this newsletter. You can reach me at greg.kabara@nicolet.us and 414-351-7525 or at the quarterly Coffee & Bagel sessions open to the community. I encourage you to follow us on social media to stay up to date on the latest happenings at Nicolet. Watch for my monthly blog posts and read past posts in the Superintendent's Corner of the Nicolet website.

During this holiday season, I am grateful for the students, faculty, staff and all of you who make Nicolet a thriving learning community. Best wishes to you and yours in 2020!

Your Partner in Education,
Dr. Greg Kabara, Superintendent

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Greetings Nicolet families,
As my first semester as principal of Nicolet closes and winter break is upon

us, I'm overwhelmed by how special the Nicolet community truly is. In this newsletter, you will read about how Nicolet students, staff and alumni are achieving major accomplishments and impacting the world. You'll notice their hard work and dedication to their unique passions, but also their upstanding character. 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 high standards of excellence for our school.

—Thomas Dorgan, Principal

PTSO UPDATES

So far this semester, **the PTSO helped Student Council with the Homecoming Parade, donated picnic tables for the courtyards, and supported many other student activities.** We are thankful the PTSO is able to respond to student and teacher requests for assistance for funding and volunteers!

On Saturday, January 18, the PTSO will host the popular "Cocoa and Cram" study session for students. Teachers and tutors will be on hand to help students prepare for exams while PTSO provides cocoa, coffee and snacks. Visit nicolet.us/families/ptso.cfm or follow them on Facebook at NicoletPTSO to sign up to help.

Have questions?

Contact the PTSO at NicoletPTSO@gmail.com.

**6TH BEST
PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL
TEACHERS
IN WISCONSIN**



2018-2019

HOSTED EXCHANGE STUDENTS & STAFF FROM
CHINA, ISRAEL, MARTINIQUE, & SENEGAL

99.3%
GRADUATION RATE

**TOP 3%
OF PUBLIC
HIGH SCHOOLS
IN AMERICA**



**9TH BEST
PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL
IN WISCONSIN**

78% STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN
CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES OR ATHLETICS



WISCONSIN DPI SIGNIFICANTLY
EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS



ALUMNI NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2019!

Candidates will be honored at a celebratory dinner and ceremony on Friday, January 24 at 5:00 p.m. in Knights Hall. Following the dinner, candidates will be honored during halftime of the Boys Varsity Basketball game against Whitefish Bay. Tickets for the dinner and ceremony can be ordered by calling 414-351-8145.

- DOUG PINZER ('69)**
Baseball/Track
- JEFF JORGENSEN ('71)**
Wrestling
- ANDREW BERG ('78)**
Football/Basketball/Track
- CRISTA PAYTON ('79)**
Basketball/Volleyball
- JIM CASHLER ('78-'94)**
Track & Pole Vault Coach

TIERNEY SUTTON ('81) was nominated for her ninth Grammy, her second with the Tierney Sutton Band, in the Best Jazz Vocal Album category for "Screenplay".

MITCH SHINER ('10) is an instructor for the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music and a professional drummer. Mitch provides MPS students with special needs the chance to learn drumming. He also teaches an adaptive drumming class to seventh and eighth graders to help kids with mobility issues or hearing impairment.

BEN CALLIF ('09) wrote his debut book "Organumics: An Epigenetic Re-Framing of Consciousness, Life, and Evolution." The book is part science, part speculative philosophy, and it proposes a new taxonomic/conceptual unit for the life and information sciences as a way of shifting how we think of all organized units of life.

KELLY MULCAHY WENDEL ('04) and **RYAN KROEGER ('05)** were inducted into the Hall of Fame at Lawrence University this fall. Kelly played volleyball and basketball, and Ryan played basketball. Kelly also returned to Nicolet as a new art teacher this fall!

CORY KATZBAN ('08), KEONDRE WALTON-COOPER ('12), GABE KINZER ('13) and HUNTER CRASS ('13) represented the Milwaukee Rugby Club in the 7's Men's Rugby National Championship in Kansas City.

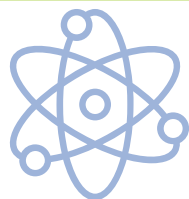
KATHY KOLTIN ('81), Secretary of the Department of Financial Institutions, is the only Jewish member of Governor Tony Evers' administration. She graduated from UW-Madison with a double major in political science and accounting and is still involved with the Madison Jewish Community today.

YONI ALTMAN-SHAFER ('18) participated in the Days of Awe at the Western Wall while studying at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Israel.

LIZ HORSTMEIER ('10) has achieved the designation "Fellow of the Society of Actuaries" (FSA) in advanced statistics and healthcare design. Liz is employed at Humana Health Insurance in Louisville, KY.

BRIDGET MEEHAN ('07), DR. NOAH ARNOLD ('00) and DR. ASHTER RIZVI ('06) returned to Nicolet for the healthcare professional panel at Nicolet's College and Career Readiness Day.

NICOLET ATTENDS CRISPRcon



Science Teachers Jennifer Bault and Mike Schroeder and junior Eden Goldenberg were given full sponsorships from Morgridge Institute for Research to attend CRISPRcon in Madison in October. CRISPRcon is a unique forum that brings together diverse voices to discuss the future of gene editing across a variety of applications in agriculture, health, conservation and more. Eden was the only high school student in attendance! She gathered information to use as background for her science fair project that incorporates CRISPR.



STUDENT

2019 GAPP SCHOOL OF DISTINCTION

The **German American Partnership Program (GAPP)** has named Nicolet High School a 2019 GAPP School of Distinction! The GAPP headquarters in New York and the Goethe Institut were impressed by Nicolet's 50-year partnership with the Gymnasium Leopoldinum as well as its track record of encouraging students to return to Germany as Congress-Bundestag Scholars, for study abroad experiences or for internships. GAPP plans to use Nicolet's program as a model during the orientation process for new exchanges!

During the GAPP program, students travel to Germany to learn about European history and practice their German speaking, reading and listening skills. They also gain an international perspective by interacting with German families and integrating themselves into a different family and culture.



18 ON BECOMING 18: CHAI LIGHTS

Nine Milwaukeeans, including Nicolet students Maxwell Katz, Zachary Godkin and Jennifer Asmann, and nine Israelis from diverse religious, ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds will connect for a series of interviews through social media and technology platforms to explore similarities and differences in their lives as they embark on one of their most pivotal years: Becoming 18. The project will culminate in June 2020 with a multi-media exhibit that will be presented in the Milwaukee community and in Israel.



"INVISIBLE LINES" MOVIE SCREENING

On September 26, Nicolet's Black Student Union and Multi-Ethnic Parent Association hosted a free public screening of the film, "Invisible Lines," created by the staff at 88Nine Radio Milwaukee about issues of diversity, acceptance and prejudice in Milwaukee. A panel discussion followed the viewing with producer Nate Imig of 88Nine Radio Milwaukee and several individuals featured in the film. The event was a big success with over 450 guests and made possible by an enrichment grant from the Nicolet Foundation and the support of the PTSO.



HIGHLIGHTS



ROCKWELL AUTOMATION YOU MAKE IT CHALLENGE

Junior Louisa Wood WON Rockwell Automation's You Make It Challenge! Her product, Sump Pump Overflow and Failure Protection Programming, was announced as the best product by a vote of Rockwell employees. Learn more about her project at youmakeitchallenge.com.



NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP SEMIFINALISTS

Seven Nicolet High School seniors have been recognized as semifinalists in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program. Miah Bohlen (not pictured), Zachary Godkin, Gabriel Guralnick, Ella Hardin, Mia Lee, Savir Maskara and Ryan Mortonson will continue to compete for the Merit Scholar® title.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Nicolet's 39th Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive, coordinated by Nicolet's Spanish 4H class, **collected 17,716 food items and raised \$6,299.51 for Feeding America of Southeastern Wisconsin, United Migrant Opportunity Services (UMOS) and Faith Santa Fe Lutheran Church.** Thank you to all the teachers, staff, administrators, students and the community at large who came together through donation to help feed our neighbors in Southeastern Wisconsin.



HUNGER TASK FORCE

German Club and German Honor Society partnered with Hunger Task Force on a service learning and sustainability program. They harvested 1,800 pounds of cabbage for distribution to families in need in Milwaukee and helped dismantle a portable crop irrigation system.

MAKE AN IMPACT AND DONATE TO THE NICOLET FOUNDATION

Opportunities like the partnership with the Hunger Task Force and the "Invisible Lines" screening are part of the enriched education that extends beyond the classroom and are made possible through donations to the Nicolet High School Foundation. Please remember Nicolet in your holiday giving. [Donate at nicolet.us/families/foundation.cfm](http://nicolet.us/families/foundation.cfm).

ARTS & ATHLETICS



NICOLET PRESENTS: ALMOST, MAINE

Nicolet Theatre put on a heartfelt performance of *Almost, Maine*, written by John Cariani. The cast, crew and staff behind *Almost, Maine* illustrated united themes of love, loss, and hope throughout the production's nine vignettes. The audience was transported to a snowy town in northern Maine, followed the sincere tales of several couples, and ultimately learned the power of the human heart.

UPCOMING ARTS EVENTS

NICOLET THEATRE: LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

February 26 - March 1

CHILDREN'S SHOW - PETER PAN

April 25 - 26

CHOIR CONCERT

May 19

BAND CONCERT

May 28

STUDENT DIRECTED ONE ACT PLAYS

May 29 - 30

ORCHESTRA CONCERT

June 2

FALL SPORTS OVERVIEW

THE NICOLET KNIGHTS EXPERIENCED SUCCESS IN FALL ATHLETICS

The girls tennis team finished 3rd in the North Shore Conference and advanced Senior Miah Bohlen to the WIAA State Tournament.

The boys soccer team finished 3rd in conference play before capturing the WIAA Regional Championship and advancing to the WIAA Sectional Semi-Finals.

The girls swim team finished 3rd in the very competitive North Shore Conference and advanced six swimmers (Gloria Kawai, Lanie Nikolay, Sydney Geboy, Jessica Pollesch, Meredith Griffith-Topps, Sofia Zelazoski) to the WIAA State Tournament.

The boys cross country team advanced senior runner Nick Holmes to the WIAA State Tournament.

The girls golf team advanced two golfers (Isa Pierri and Sophie Packman) to the WIAA Sectionals.

The football team won three conference games over West Bend West, West Bend East and Port Washington and took Homestead down to the wire eventually losing 14-7 to finish just one game short of the WIAA playoffs and their best conference record in more than 20 years.

NORTH SHORE CONFERENCE ALL CONFERENCE TEAMS

30 Nicolet student-athletes earned spots on all-conference teams:

FOOTBALL: Ja'Shawn Austin, Ty Tipton, Jeremy Kobe, Solomon Lubar, Xavier Ganfield, Angelo Morgano and Julian Connors.

TENNIS: Amelia Ansay, Miah Bohlen, Kalina Kapetanovic, Madeleine Buckley, Emma Kappel, Allison Dorf and Mallory DeLuca.

SOCCER: Will Navarre, Thomas Beidel, Owen Porter, Eric Perlin and Enzo Carini.

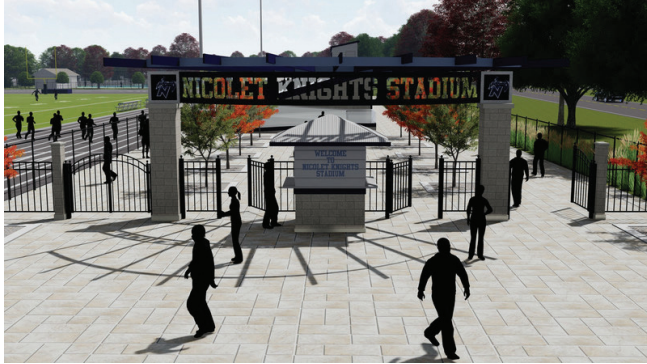
CROSS COUNTRY: Nick Holmes and Jimmy Weseman.

VOLLEYBALL: Ava Ellegard, Katie Heidenrich, Jameson Junge and Jon Hellman.

GOLF: Isa Pierri

SWIM: Gloria Kawai, Sydney Geboy, Jessica Pollesch and Meredith Griffith-Topps.

ATHLETIC FACILITIES



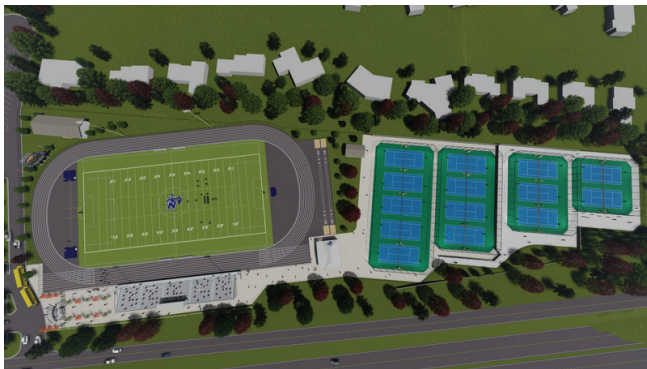
Over the past several years, district leadership has worked with a consortium of parents, alumni, engaged residents and local businesses to understand the challenges our facilities present and propose a plan to address them. Nicolet is now in the midst of a capital campaign to raise funds to rebuild our outdoor athletic facilities.

The Nicolet Union High School District is thankful to have partnered with Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE) and the City of Glendale to maximize the full potential of Maslowski Park. On October 5, Nicolet, MSOE and the City of Glendale celebrated the grand opening of Raiders Stadium, a state-of-the-art facility featuring a synthetic turf baseball field, lights, dugouts, a press box and seating for more than 300 spectators.



Following completion of Raiders Stadium, Nicolet is focusing on fundraising for the other multi-purpose athletic facilities, including an athletic stadium, a tennis center, a multi-sport competition field and softball fields.

The new athletic stadium complex will feature a grandstand with an entry arch, concessions, restrooms, a press box, scoreboard, LED athletic lighting and a sound system. The multi-sport, synthetic turf field will accommodate football, soccer, lacrosse and rugby. The new track will include additional lanes to allow Nicolet to host end-of-season meets.



The two-tiered tennis center will be a premier tennis facility in the Midwest as one of only two 14-court tennis facilities of this caliber in Wisconsin, further enhancing our school's reputation as a tennis powerhouse and creating new opportunities to host high school, collegiate and professional tournaments.

The main softball field at Maslowski Park will meet WIAA and NCAA standards and be constructed of synthetic turf with masonry dugouts, LED athletic field lighting and batting cages. Additionally, a second field will be constructed with natural materials and include a fenced backstop and dugouts, plus flexible outfield fencing for multiple levels of competition and recreation softball for the community.



Located on the west side of the high school, the multi-sport competition field can be used for a variety of activities, including sports, competitive events, physical education, health and fitness classes and team practices. The synthetic turf field will be large enough to host soccer and lacrosse competitions and its flexible design can accommodate multiple youth sporting events simultaneously.

The proposed facilities will allow Nicolet to host both high school and collegiate level competitions, including NCAA track and field events, football, soccer, softball and more.

Parents and supporters interested in staying informed and assisting with the fundraising effort are encouraged to contact the District via Amy Lee at amy.lee@nicolet.us.



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UPCOMING SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

Meetings are held in the Library (D110)

- January 16:** School Board Committee of the Whole Meeting (4:00 p.m.)
- January 27:** School Board Meeting (6:00 p.m.)
- February 13:** School Board Committee of the Whole Meeting (4:00 p.m.)
- February 24:** School Board Meeting (6:00 p.m.)
- March 12:** School Board Committee of the Whole Meeting (4:00 p.m.)
- March 30:** School Board Meeting (6:00 p.m.)

Visit the district website for additional meeting dates.



Picture taken by Wyatt Chang

GENEROSITY FEEDS

This fall, nearly **300 members of the Nicolet community gathered together to package 12,000 meals** for distribution to those who need them in the Milwaukee area!