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Empowering Students to Take Charge of Their Future.



## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

To the DCG Class of 2020,

This is not how anyone envisioned the school year would end. I know you are disappointed, upset, confused, and sad. Parents, I know you are feeling these same things, I feel them too. Ending the year like this is not how the last three months of your senior year was supposed to go. You are missing out on enjoying the final months of your senior year, hanging out with your friends, cramming for those last tests, walking the halls one last time and dreaming about one last summer before all your classmates head in different directions. It is natural that you may be feeling sad, this situation has certainly created a sense of loss.

If there has ever been a group of students who can adapt to any circumstance, it is this group of seniors. You are no strangers to adversity. Nineteen years ago, you entered the world at another tumultuous time, when the world, post 9/11, was forced to adjust and change our way of life as a result of the worst terrorist attack our country had ever experienced. You were our first students who have always had to go through security checks when attending a sporting event or concert, you have always had to take off your shoes when going through airport security. You came into the world during a time of chaos. Now chaos is ushering you out of high school and pushing you into adulthood. You are used to uncertainty, and you know how to handle unpredictable times.

Seniors, you will be the new wave of thinkers and because of this will be able to problem solve and approach challenges like no one before you. You will continue to persevere and be successful because of this situation. I can't wait to see what you do with the lessons you have learned. Please know you always have a home at DCG.

Scott Grimes, Superintendent

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## Pay-to-Ride (PTR) School Bus Registration Now Open

Registration for the Fall Pay-to-Ride (PTR) school bus service is now open. The purpose of this service is to assist parents in transporting their child to and from school. This service is fully funded by fees paid by parents that participate in this service. Parents interested in the PTR School Bus service are welcome to register for this service but payment will not be accepted until July 1st.

### Program Details:

1. Available to Kindergarten through 5th grade students who live between 1-2 miles of their assigned school and live within the school boundary of their assigned school. See the PTR Eligibility Map for your school by visiting [www.dcgsschools.com/transportation](http://www.dcgsschools.com/transportation). Distance is calculated by using public streets.
2. You do not need to register again if you are already participating in the PTR service. Please advise us if your child does NOT plan to utilize this service next year. The service will automatically be discontinued if your child is moving to 6th grade.
3. PTR Registrations are processed in the order they are received and space is limited. Once space is full, students will be placed on a waiting list.
4. Registration for a PTR School Bus Pass is a TWO step process. a. Complete and submit a PTR School Bus Pass Registration. b. We can not accept payment for this service until July 1st. Pay online with a credit or debit card at DC-G Schools RevTrak by the end of July.
5. The fee for a PTR School Bus Pass is \$275 per semester per student. Students eligible for the DC-G free/reduced school lunch program will be charged a reduced fee of \$150 per semester.
6. For more details, read the Pay-To-Ride Transportation Information, located at [www.dcgsschools.com/transportation](http://www.dcgsschools.com/transportation).

Contact your school secretary for more information about the free/reduced school lunch program.

For additional information, please contact Jeff Wolfe, Transportation Director, [jeff.wolfe@dcgschools.com](mailto:jeff.wolfe@dcgschools.com) or 515-986-5173 ext. #1.

# HIGH SCHOOL

National Honor Society (NHS) is an organization that is based upon four pillars: Scholarship, Service, Leadership and Character. These pillars have been a part of membership since 1921. NHS is an honor that not only recognizes students for their accomplishments, but challenges them to develop further through active involvement in school activities and community service.

This year the DC-G NHS Chapter had over 75 members including Juniors and Seniors. We are proud to announce that we have 45 new members who have accepted the honor of participating in the DC-G NHS Chapters!

Aidan Ramsey	Hannah Little	Olivia Murphy
Alexander Romig	Isaac Short	Olivia Valline
Alexander Thomas	Isabella Bauman	Paige Hollatz
Alexia Henrichs	Jackson Jones	Rachel Koster
Anna Kelly	Jenna Skow	Rowan Kidd
Bailey Pierce	Julia Reis	Rylie Reents
Cale Schmitz	Katie Christensen	Samantha Robles
Corbyn Paup	Kaylin Petrak	Samuel Jones
Dominic Ward	Kenna Jackson	Sarah Capps
Ella Lampe	Lauren Wyllie	Shaine Bryant
Elle Nelson	Luke Busby	Shea Walker
Ellie Jermier	Maximus Reitano	Sierra Mason
Emily Cantrell	Maya Worley	Sierra Pickering
Emma Smith	McKenna Pierce	Skyler Blessman
Grant Harbaugh	Mya Williamson	Taylor Johnson

**NCYL** Students selected to represent DC-G High School for the National Council on Youth Leadership (NCYL) award include: Maddie Evans, Riley Feeley, Makenzie James, Isabel Kidd, Kylie Merical, Jillian Rants, Megan Sterbenz and Ty Walker. NCYL is an extreme honor. Applicants are screened and nominations are based on both faculty and community recommendations. All candidates are evaluated based on their leadership and strength of character. Each applicant must have a minimum 3.0 GPA to be considered. Beyond meeting the academic bar, students are chosen based on their service and leadership in the school and community.

# MEADOWS



M. Grimes earned a National Status Award for her artwork, The Mouth. Initially, M. Grimes won a gold key in the first round which is awarded to the top 5-7% of all students. Her work then moved to the National Competition where she was awarded a Silver Key. This is the first time a Dallas Center-Grimes student has won at the national level. We are extremely proud of her accomplishments!

**DCG PTO** Box Tops for Education has made changes to the way that our schools can earn money. The traditional Box Top Clips are being phased out of production as they work to become completely digital. You can still submit the traditional box tops to the elementary schools until they are no longer found on products. Each Box Top is worth \$0.10 and if everyone is scanning their receipts, this adds up very quickly. The money earned is split between all four elementary schools. The app is easy to use! Search the app store on your phone or go to the Box Tops for Education website at BTFE.com.

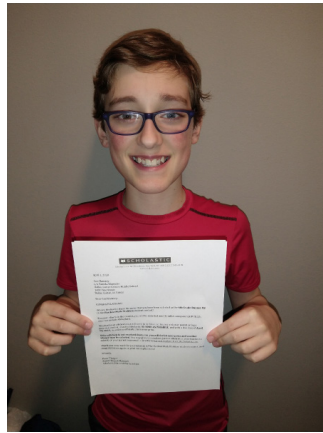
Download the app and select our district by searching for "Dallas Center Elementary School". Click on the Scan button and take as many photos as you need of your receipt to capture the entire purchase.

As you are scanning your receipt there is a star icon that allows you to give credit to a specific classroom. Type in the teacher's name and then submit. (This is optional but will be used during our collection contests.)

Online grocery shopping receipts from places like Instacart and Walmart can be submitted online by forwarding your email receipt to [receipts@boxtops4education.com](mailto:receipts@boxtops4education.com) using the same email that is associated with your account in the app.

The PTO Box Tops Committee understands that this process does take a little bit longer than clipping physical packages but we do not want to miss this opportunity for our schools. We encourage you to download the Box Tops for Education app and start scanning! If you have any questions about the process, please contact Erin O'Connell at [oconnelle83@gmail.com](mailto:oconnelle83@gmail.com).

## MIDDLE SCHOOL



Congratulations to Cael Ramsey for being named the sixth grade runner-up of this year's Hardest Math Problem Student Contest. For Cael's successful efforts, he will receive a tablet computer from Scholastic. Cael's Extended Learning Program (ELP) teacher, Mrs. Kluender, encouraged him and several other students to enter the first part of the contest in December. Those students who answered Question one correctly were allowed to move on to Question two. Students had to answer the question correctly, not only give a written reason for their answer but also how they calculated it to move on to the next round.

## ELEMENTARY

**DID YOU KNOW DALLAS CENTER-GRIMES COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFERS OPTIONAL KINDERGARTEN?**

**Are you wondering if your five year old is really ready for all day Kindergarten?**

**Optional Kindergarten will take your child where they are and adjust curriculum to support academic, social, and emotional readiness.**

**Optional Kindergarten is an extra year to grow before Kindergarten.**

**Students who will be 5 years old on September 15, 2020 are eligible to register for Optional Kindergarten.**

*Optional Kindergarten program focuses:*

- Social and Emotional Development
- Academic Development
- Fine Motor Skill Development

**REGISTER AT  
WWW.DCGSCHOOLS.COM  
OPEN ENROLLED STUDENTS  
ACCEPTED!**

# ACTIVITIES

**DC-G DECA** qualified nine students this past weekend for the National DECA Competition. Students qualify for the competition by placing in the top three overall in their chosen State competition event. We had four students win the overall competition in their event.



State Champions

Jaxon Gambrell- Retail Merchandising Series

Missy Rose and Mallory Schmitz (team)- Hospitality Services Team Decision Making

Sam Vos- Principles of Marketing

Additional National Qualifiers (place in parenthesis)

Alimkhan Assylzhan (2)- Principals of Hospitality

Ariadne LeBeau (3)- Principals of Marketing

Paige Lockner (3)- Entrepreneurship Series

Emily Rutter and Karlie Wilts (2) Entrepreneurship Team Decision Making

**Jazz Band** had an extremely productive season. The growth has been obvious and students gained a wide range of experiences. The competition season culminated in a 3rd-place finish for Jazz 1 in class 4A at the Hoover Jazz Fest. This is the best placement we have accomplished since our school moved into class 4A for Jazz Band. In addition, senior Ben Miller was named All-Star Trombone, an honor given to the top individual players in each section.

Congratulations to Ryan Fitch (pictured right) for making it into the 2020 Class 4A All-State Jazz Band on trumpet. Ryan is a freshman and extremely talented. We are so proud to have him as part of our band program!



## DCG Education Foundation (DCGEF)

Senior Awards Night is the pinnacle of the Foundation's work during the year. Senior Awards night is our big game and the reason we raise money throughout the year. Awarding scholarships is why the Foundation exists, why there is a Raising Education Dollars (RED) Business Breakfast each February, a RED Dinner and Auction each November and efforts made for donations and scholarship sponsors.

Last year the DCGEF awarded 99 scholarships from 41 donors for \$96,600. This year we anticipate 100 scholarships totaling over \$100,000. We plan to make this event memorable, even during this unprecedented time. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page, DCG Education Foundation or Twitter, DCG Education Found for details. We will celebrate the great kids in our district and their continued pursuit of education.

# ACTIVITIES

## 2019-2020 DCG Mustang Basketball Awards

### Coaches Awards

Freshman: Tevor Hamil  
 Sophomore: Blake Perrin  
 Junior Varisty: Jacob Adams  
 Varisty: Cody Hall

### IBCA Team First Award

Owen Curtis

### Varsity Most Improved Award

Trenton Liebe

### Little Hawkeye All Conference

Cole Glasgow - 1st Team  
 Luke Rankin - 1st Team  
 Trenton Liebe - Honorable Mention  
 Alex Thomas - Honorable Mention

### All Substate 7

Luke Rankin  
 Cole Glasgow

### Academic All District

Cody Hall

### Academic All Conference

(3.50 Varsity GPA Average)

Beau Barrett  
 Cole Glasgow  
 Cody Hall  
 Nic Lawton  
 Dawson Lego  
 Trenton Liebe  
 Luke Rankin  
 Logan Smith  
 Chase Stratton  
 Alex Thomas  
 Tyler Tice  
 Ty Walker

**DC-G Boys Basketball** Senior Cody Hall quoted Clemson coach Dabo Swiney before a game this year. Coach Swiney said "opponents can prepare for what we do, but they cannot prepare for who we are." This quote epitomizes the 19-20 Mustang Basketball Team. Our team this year was very close. They invested in each other and believed that a positive attitude and effort can be brought to the court every day. Team chemistry was tremendous and the senior leadership was special. This mentality fed the belief that culture wins! One of our biggest forms of success was that we had a lot of fun and enjoyed being around one another. The team culture was the main reason for the 17 win season, district championship and nine game improvement. The seniors set a standard of excellence and led by example. The season was filled with special memories we will never forget. Special thanks to the administration, cheerleaders, managers, custodians, students, staff and community for the wonderful support throughout the season.

### 2019-2020 DC-G Mustang Basketball Stats



\* District Champion  
 Number Two  
 District Seed

\* District game wins  
 over Perry and ADM  
 17 wins overall.  
 7-0 Start  
 Ranked as high as  
 number three in the  
 state

\* Ended season ranked 13th in the State (BCMoore)  
 16th best defensive average in state = 52.74 points per game  
 23rd best offensive average = 60.74 points per game  
 \* Team GPA 3.61  
 \* 184-79 in last nine years 70% winning percentage  
 \* Sweep over Pella Christian, Oskaloosa, Grinnell and ADM  
 Wins over Ballard, Newton, Pella, Carlisle, Boone, Carroll Kuemper,  
 Des Moines Christian, Carlisle, Perry

### Varsity Letterwinners

Beau Barrett Trenton Liebe  
 Ethan Blum Tyler Lindsay  
 Seth Chumbley Luke Rankin  
 Owen Curtis Alex Thomas  
 Ike Eddy Tyler Tice  
 Cole Glasgow Logan Smith  
 Cody Hall Chase Stratton  
 Nic Lawton Ty Walker  
 Dawson Lego

### Junior Varsity

Jacob Adams Tyler Lindsay  
 Garly Augusma Traeton Simmons  
 Beau Barrett Tyler Tice  
 Ethan Blum Tony Tarwo  
 Luke Busby Ty Walker  
 Seth Chumbley  
 Ben Elfin  
 Brock Junge  
 Nic Lawton

# CONGRATULATIONS

Caleigh Ann Allen	Luke Allen Fistler	Molly Marie Lamb	Clayton Lee Rossmanith
Mackenzie Renea Amdahl	Claire Delaney FitzGerald	Duncan Elijah Lambert	Andrew Michael Rothfus
Brennan Michael Anderson	Joseph Lyle Flyr	Dawson James Lego	Kylie Madison Rusch
Peyton James Arbuckle	Jack Tyler Forsyth	Ashlynn Darlene Leonard	Emily Mae Rutter
Jayme Jude Augusma	Wyatt Eugene Fox	Nathaniel Louis Lickteig	Adam Lane Ryan
Zachary Joseph Barker	Zachary Bryant Freeman	Matthew Douglas Liebe	Katrina Ryann Saddoris
Haley Renee' Bashara	Camden Charles Freking	Trenton Allen Liebe	Samantha Saldana-Jamison
Chloe Ann Beavers	Sarah Jean Frett	Tyler Michael Lindsay	Bailyn Nicole Sall
Tanner Douglas Beebe	Jaxon Daniel Gambrall	Harrison Tyee Livingston	Ke'Alia Keshaye Schaeffer
Lily Myria Bejarno	Lani Jo Gannon	Christopher Douglas Longmore Jr.	Kailyn Victoria Schafer
Dillon Matthew Belzer	Kassity Kaelyn Gettler	Mia Lynn Lundholm	Rachel Ann Schepler
Emma Jane Bentley	Lynsea Renee Gordon	Carly Jo Luers	Mallory Jane Schmitz
Amaris Israella Bertini	Hannah Serie Gullings	Tyler Christian Madsen	Logan Daryl Schultz
Conrae Hunter Bertini	Jordan Amanda Gurnsey	Jenna La Rae Mall	Spencer Clay Schwantes
Kyley Joe Bianchi	Cody James Hall	Gage Anthony Manges	Logan Joseph Smith
Carson Joseph Biegger	Riley Marie Hall	Taylor Ann Manusos	Sydney Marian Smith
Clint Allen Bitting	Jenna Grace Hannemann	Nadya Penelope Martinez	Lauren Elizabeth Spaur
Ethan Scott Blum	Benjamin Thomas Hanson	Jessica Ann McCartan	Caleb Cameron Spence
Reece Willey Boardman	Alexis Danielle Haroldson	Collan McDuffee	Brennan Daniel Spengler
Tristan Scott Bocook	Brianna Renee Helleso	Samuel James McGuire	Savannah Jade Spitz
Isaac Robert Boley	Jacob Charles Hochstetler	Benjamin Robert McKernan	Maci Paige Stephens
Drew Jacob Bormann	Benjamin Carter Hofland	Hartman Alan Meints	Brody William Stiles
Carter Dean Bowen	Daniel John Hohenberger	Natalie Jean Melton	Taylor James Stiles
Zoe Lynn Bowling	Starr Marie Holcomb	Jonathan Paul Mikota	Jacob Adam Stout
Lou Lynn Braun	Ella Brie Hopkins	Jennifer Miranda Millang	Chase Kenneth Stratton
Tyla Marie Brinker	Nile Owen Horak	Austin Scott Miller	Caleb Mathew Tapper
Isaac Michael Campese	Addison Joseph Huber	Ben Michael Miller	Leaha Dawn Thoms
Jerzie Marie Carlson	Jared Thomas Hyde	Gavin Patrick Moran	Tyler Alan Tice
Dawson Lee Channell	Todd Logan Ice	Lundin Jacob Morris	Tristan Jacob Tooman
DeAnna Mae Channell	Rachel Meredith Ihde	Gloire Shamaragwe Mukiza	Nicholas Alexander Towne
Trevon Cheatham-Wells	Tatum May Jarboe	Chase Alan Ray Murga	Brigitte Uwase Mugeyo
Jason Tyler Cline	Marshall Jarnagin	Zachary Bryan Needham	Kiefer Riley Vance
Molly Jane Cooney	Bryce Christopher Jermier	Braeden Anthony Neilson	Mason Kristopher Veenschoten
Emma Claire Criswell	Connor Jacob Johansen	Jaiden Makell Nelson	Jaci Lynn Versluis
Jordan Diane Cunningham	Andrew Thomas Johnson	Kamryn Faith O'Brien	Savannah Kathleen Vidergar
Owen Charles Curtis	Christopher Edward Johnson	Baylor Brett Osborn	Samantha Marie Vos
Caleb Marvin Cyr	Stephen Thomas Johnston	Graham Michael Owen	Jacob Lawrence Waldron
Mckenna Lynn Davis	Jzonei Jones	Bryce T. Palmer	Matthew Robert Wall
Tyler Jon-Kotsilibas Davis	Gabriel James Jorgensen	Preston James Pellatz	Zachary Kale Ward
Brittan Elizabeth Deardorff	Karter Marty Jorgensen	Brooke Elizabeth Peterson	Matthew James Watznauer
Malachi Alexander Deubel	Jackson Robert Joynt	Damion Michael Peterson	Jonathan Lloyd Weddle
Kolby Wayne Dirks	Lara Mae Kallem	Gavin Daniel Petrak	Ethan Paul Wenell
Madison A. Dow	Kirill Alexandrovich Kashirin	Ella Jean Pierce	Cole James Wessling
Bridget Marie Dunn	Jenna Grace Kidman	Grace Elise Pion	Sabrina Grace Wiedman
Elizabeth Grace Elfvin	Tori Lynn Kitt	Bradley Ryan Ramsey	Colby James Wigham
Jenna Nicole Ellerbeck	Hannah Lee Klamfoth	Lilian Jennie May Richardson	Levi Jacob Willrich
Larry Charles Embick	Margaret Grace Klemesrud	Micah Matthew Richey	Karlie Jo Danielle Wilts
Eliza Belle Ewalt	Katelyn Faith Knudsen	Jacob Ryan Ridnour	Sarah Katharine Witmer
Ashley Carol Ferguson	Allison Faith Koch	Kaylee Ann Ringgenberg	Kennedi Ella Beth Wojtowicz
Kira Faye Filmer	Breanna Raelynn Kyle	Emma Grace Roach	Clay Robert Wuebker
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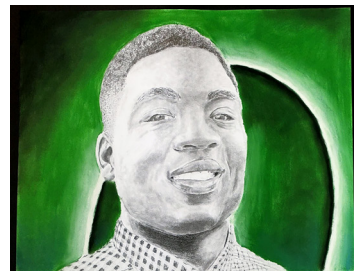


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**ART**

Dallas Center-Grimes  
**SPOTLIGHT**



Using a mixture of graphite and chalk pastel, senior Buddy Morris, created this amazing tribute to friendship in his independent art class.