



# Junior Blues News



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## Featured Story

### Career and Technical Education Showcase



Washburn Rural High School provides a progressive environment of world-class academics, athletics, and activities to foster all students' desires to learn and achieve through open discussion and self-discovery. As educators in pursuit of student success, we continually enhance our skills and knowledge so we may offer the most relevant, effective curriculum in order to achieve our vision.

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# From the Desk of Our Principal



Hello,

For many years, there has been considerable talk about the importance of obtaining a high quality education. Scarcely a day goes by that the enormous costs of failing to educate a learned citizenry are not mentioned and lamented in the news. The statistics are quite startling – consider these, for example. Nearly 80% of all inmates in State and Federal prison systems are high school drop outs. 7.5% of all unemployment recipients have not completed their high school education. Sadly, by the end of this day, 7,000 young people will have dropped out of high school across the country and, in doing so, severely limited their futures. It is, indeed, a bleak picture. So why is it, then, that “faceless” statistics like these rarely mean much more to us than a sad epitaph on someone else’s personal history? Generally, it is because a vivid enough portrait has not been painted related to how such numbers impact us directly. Let me try to do that for you now. Consider the following table which illustrates the average lifetime earnings one can expect based on their level of educational attainment.

<b>Education Level</b>	<b>Lifetime Weeks Worked</b>	<b>2020 Weekly Wage (Median)*</b>	<b>Estimated Lifetime Earnings</b>
Less than a high school diploma	2080	\$619	\$1,287,520
High School Graduate	2080	\$781	\$1,624,480
Some College - No Degree	2080	\$877	\$1,824,160
Bachelor's Degree	2080	\$1,305	\$2,714,400
Professional Degree	2080	\$1,893	\$3,937,440

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2020

Does this help to bring things into focus for you? I shared this information with our freshman at the beginning of the school year and I can assure you that some eyes were opened! The difference in earning power between a high school dropout and a college graduate is just over 1.4 million dollars over a 40-year career. That is \$35,672 a year!

With so much of the future success of our young people hinging on obtaining a high school diploma, we take our responsibility to graduate every single student quite seriously at Washburn Rural. Not only does this imply assisting struggling students, but it also means making sure that our course offerings are cutting edge and of high interest to our student body.

We have instituted programming that is designed to achieve this end. We have a “freshman only” orientation day at the start of the school year. We implemented Advisory Periods to help students make stronger connections to staff and programming in the building, to grant greater access for assistance from teachers during the school day, and ultimately, to increase student success. As additional evidence of our commitment to students, the Renaissance Program was restructured to not only recognize outstanding academic achievement, but also to provide incentives for grade improvement and perfect attendance.

Moreover, we continue to add new career pathways within our vocational departments that have resulted in excellent “real world” opportunities for our students.

Our Construction Science program partners with SENT, Inc. in an effort to provide students with the skills and technical expertise needed to be able to go to work directly out of high school if that is what they choose to do. Additionally, our coffee shop, “Common Grounds,” is a student run business in partnership with PT’s Coffee Roasting Company. From the design of the store’s “point of sale” system, to the advertising used in promoting its products, our students are learning the skills needed to successfully manage a business.

# From the Desk of Our Principal

We are thrilled to host the International Baccalaureate Program which provides students with expanded opportunities for academic rigor and college preparation.

Finally, in the last several years we have implemented a broad array of new courses and programs to better serve our students and community. Among those are Business Law, Intro to Law, Public Safety and Security, Advanced Animation, a Career and Technical Education program in Video Productions, as well as a STEM Pathway in Biochemistry which has complemented our existing Biomedical Pathway. Next year we will add Game Design and Mobile Apps as well as a new Pathway in Restaurant & Event Management with 3 new courses: Culinary Essentials 1 and 2, and Event Planning & Management.

Whatever the future holds, rest assured that the staff at Washburn Rural High School is committed to providing your child an exceptional educational experience. Let us know how we can help!

Best,



Ed Raines

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# WRHS Counseling Office

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Counseling Website: <https://sites.google.com/a/usd437.net/counselors/>

Follow us on twitter for updates: [@wrhsgo](https://twitter.com/wrhsgo)

[Counseling Staff Contact Information](#)

24 Hour Crisis Hotline: 785-232-5005

## College Entrance Exams

Many stories have been published in recent months regarding the use of the ACT or SAT in college admissions. Both the ACT and SAT are admission exams; students in Kansas tend to take the ACT but both are accepted wherever admission exams are required.

The value of an ACT or SAT score has been in question for many years. Research indicates that GPA and rigor in high school is a stronger indicator for success in college than admission exams. Before Covid, <https://www.fairtest.org/>, advocated for test optional policies and published lists of universities that did not require these exams for admission. After Covid and the cancellation of exams, the majority of US universities have decided to not require ACT or SAT scores for admission for the Class of 2023; this includes Kansas universities.

While the ACT or SAT score may not be needed to be admitted, the exam results remain a crucial factor in awarding scholarships at many public universities. In Kansas, the ACT or SAT is not required for scholarship at KU or K-State. The other state colleges required an ACT or SAT score to award scholarships for the Class of 2022; we do not know yet if those policies will change for the Class of 2023. We encourage students to research their potential college options and decide whether taking or retaking the ACT or SAT is needed.

ACT preparation materials can be found at

<https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation.html>.

SAT preparation materials can be found at

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice>.

## College Visits

As families start to make summer plans, we encourage students to visit college campuses. This experience can help students set goals, make decisions, and understand the application process. Advice on planning a college visit can be found at <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/find-colleges/campus-visit-guide>.

## IB and AP exams

We wish our students taking IB and AP exams well! As you prepare for exams, we encourage you to set goals for yourself. In Kansas, colleges are required to award credit for 4/7 on IB and 3/5 on AP.

<https://www.kansasregents.org/students/credit-for-prior-learning/ap-clep-ib>. To view specific university policies for IB and AP, search the university name plus IB or AP credit.

## Sample policies are below:

**K-State:** <https://go.k-state.edu/cpl>

**KU:** <https://admissions.ku.edu/apply/credit-transfer/high-school>

**Wichita State:** <https://www.wichita.edu/services/registrar/priorlearning/AdvancedPlacement.php>

<https://www.wichita.edu/services/registrar/priorlearning/InternationalBaccalaureate.php>

**Schedules:** The pre-enrollment for the 2022-23 school year is complete. Schedules will be available in July. Schedule adjustments can be requested during walk-in registration. Please note that school counselors are not available during the summer to make schedule changes.

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**Finals Study Tips:** This Fastweb article lists several tips for students as they prepare for their final exams in May: <https://www.fastweb.com/student-life/articles/the-20-study-tips-for-finals>

**Summer Programs and Volunteer Opportunities:** The WRHS counseling office publishes a [summer program](#) and [volunteer opportunity](#) resource document. We encourage families to explore these resources. If you have additional programs and volunteer resources, please contact [fredema1@usd437.net](mailto:fredema1@usd437.net).

## ◆ Sources of Strength

### Sources of Strength held an event called a **SPLASH of Strength!**

Adult advisor and art teacher, Mr. LeDuc, taught the Sources of Strength team about Julia Rothman - an artist who uses a Blind Contour technique and created the SVA Subway Poster. She was inspired by going to marches and rallies. She feels art is a way to speak your mind, and that protesting is art - a way to stand up for what you believe in. Her hope was that people would see the poster and get energized to speak their mind.

The Sources of Strength team decided to focus on Healthy Activities and Mental Health by offering a way for students to practice self-care with art. Additionally, our resident artists, Rylee and Kota Perez, drew Modified Blind Contour sketches of students. After the sketch was completed, students were able to add their own personal flair and write what they believe in, what they stand for or what strength is important to them. These sketches will eventually be combined into a poster collage of all the students' beautiful faces and strengths.



# ◆ Boys Swimming and Dive

This year there were 22 boys on the swim and dive team. 20 swimmers and 2 divers. The year started off with two back to back wins in December. After the break they started off slow, getting second and third place at a lot of the meets. Then at City everything clicked, and they won City for the third year in a row. Following that, the boys won League for the third year in a row as well. At State there were seven swimmers attending to swim all three of the relays and a total of 8 individual swims. All the boys swam well, and Brogan Meier placed 8th in one of his events.

Coach Jordan Metz stated, "I couldn't be more proud of how the boys did this year. They really came together as a team this year and it showed, not only at meets, but at practice and outside of the pool. My favorite thing about swimming is that you meet people you might have never met otherwise and suddenly you have a whole team that has your back."



Here are a few quotes from the captains this year and one of our divers:

Jalen Eilert: My favorite memory from this year was winning City.

Nathen Trachta: My favorite memory was winning City on my birthday and having the whole team sing to me after we won.

Cody Colwell: I'm super proud of how all the boys did this season, and I couldn't have asked for a better senior year!

Bradley Cooney: As a freshman I saw diving as an opportunity to have fun rather than success, but as the season progressed I've learned that success comes from having fun. At practices I was challenged to try new things, and with my coaches help, I was less afraid of trying. I was told that you shouldn't be afraid of something you haven't done before. That quote helped me realize that diving wasn't scary, I just hadn't attempted it before. Because of dive I am less afraid of unknown experiences.

# ◆ Girls Basketball

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Record: 23-2

During the season the team was feeling pretty determined, not overly confident. They had a resolve that they were going to take this one game at a time and see what happens. They felt that if they all played hard and did their jobs then the outcome would be great. Coach Bordewick stated, “they never looked ahead and did a fantastic job of staying in the ‘here and now.’”

The players that had a large role in winning the state championship were: Emma Krueger, Brooklyn DeLeye, Zoe Canfield, Jada Ingram, MaRyah Lutz, Campbell Bagshaw, Katelynn Brogan, and Chloe Carlgren.

“Sometimes it was a mental toughness that we focused on and through drills we tried to develop that as well as physical toughness.” Coach Bordewick said. The team improved tremendously throughout the season by taking each day and using it as a tool to get better, including games. Not that they won all their games, but they learned from losses, and took what they saw we needed to get better at and did that in practice.

On the road to state they were very determined and confident to get that championship. Their mindset was that once they got past the semi’s that they would have a “refuse to lose” mentality. The strongest thing about this team is their chemistry and composure when they play. If things didn’t go well in a game or at practice, they pulled together and found a way to win and get better together.

This team was one of the best teams to ever grace the basketball courts at Washburn Rural. People who watched them play always said they played hard, had great defense, and were unselfish with the ball. They hustled everywhere and always picked each other up. Overall they had great leadership and were great teammates.



# ◆ Wrestling

The WRHS men's wrestling team had a historic 2022 season. They finished first at league, regionals, and state for a second straight year. The team qualified eleven wrestlers to state and earned 6 medals as a team including two state champions. The medalists include Austin Fager (1st), Aidan Boline (1st), Easton Broxterman (2nd), Jacob Tangpricha (3rd), Jonathan Morrison (3rd), and Henri McGivern (5th).



The WRHS women's wrestling team continued to prove why they are one of, if not the, best programs in the state while also making headway in expanding a newly sanctioned sport. Washburn Rural High School hosted the largest girls wrestling tournament in Kansas history, solidifying the growth of the sport and showing no signs of slowing down. As a team the girls took home the league and regional trophies and qualified a program record of eleven state competitors. Of the eleven qualifiers the team took home 5 medals in their respective weight classes: Addison Broxterman (2nd), Alexis Fredrickson (3rd), Kristen Rezak (4th), Jaliah Johnson (5th), and Annie Gallegos (6th). The team finished second on the state podium, but head coach Damon Parker had a different takeaway on the season. Coach Parker is quoted saying, "It's not about the championships. It's about the relationships." Coach Parker will remember this season by the relationships and culture he has built with this year's team.



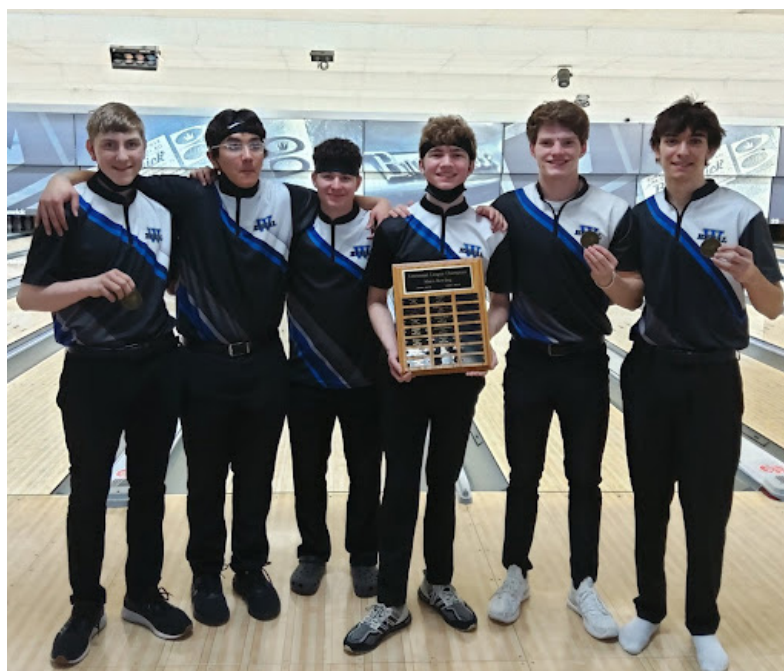


# ◆ Bowling

The Washburn Rural Girls Bowling team's season was one to remember. The team: Kaitlyn Doyal (senior), Claire Ireland (sophomore), Gabby Martinez (sophomore), Taylin Sakers (sophomore), Callie Hart (junior), and Amaya Buchanan (junior) accomplished big things this season including 3rd place at state for the second time in a row. Kaitlyn Doyal helped lead the team to the 3rd place finish with a three-game score of 616. That score placed Doyal 4th individually, much improved from her still impressive 7th place finish last year. Sophomore Gabby Martinez's 583 three-game score placed her 6th individually. Though a young team, the girl's bowling team was able to have a successful, memorable season.



The Washburn Rural boys bowling team's successful season recently came to an end. The season consisted of a Centennial League title, and Josh Hammons, junior on the Washburn Rural bowling team, placing 10th at the 6A state tournament in Wichita. At Centennials, the boys beat Seaman by four pins, with a score of 3,503-3,499. Rural had three players finish in the top ten, Josh Hammons (2nd, 726), Walker Thompson (3rd, 683), Logan Glinka (10th, 623), and Geo Peoples finished 13th with a score of 599. Later in the season, the boys competed at state, Josh Hammons finishing 10th with a score of 638 for three games.



# ◆ Model UN

Students from WRHS participated in the virtual Topeka Model UN conference from February 23-March 1st, along with other students across Kansas in zoom meetings. Participants ranged in age from 7th-12th grade.

The high school had 14 students participating as delegates representing different countries, and 7 students serving as officers who ran councils in a mock representation of the United Nations. Discussions within councils ranged from climate change to COVID recovery and the ongoing crisis in Ukraine. In our school, Evander Davis, who represented Afghanistan in General Assembly II was awarded Best Authorship Speech. Finn Reilly representing China, also in General Assembly II, was awarded 3rd Best Delegate and Best Affirmation Speech. In other councils, Lauren Reed, representing the United Kingdom in General Assembly III won Best Negotiation Speech, and Jackson Taylor, also representing the UK in General Assembly IV won 2nd Best Delegate.

<i>Delegate Roster - Washburn Rural High School - Topeka Model UN - Sponsor, Diann Faflick</i>					
<i>Delegate Name (Last, First)</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Council</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Date of Comp</i>
<i>ChidambaraNathan, Kavi</i>	<i>Russia</i>	<i>GA I - HS</i>	<i>WRHS</i>	<i>Faflick, Diann</i>	<i>Wed - Feb 23</i>
<i>Cohn, Emma</i>	<i>Vice President</i>	<i>WC B - 7th</i>	<i>WRHS</i>	<i>Faflick, Diann</i>	<i>Wed - Feb 23</i>
<i>Fennell, Mary (Allie)</i>	<i>China</i>	<i>GA I - HS</i>	<i>WRHS</i>	<i>Faflick, Diann</i>	<i>Wed - Feb 23</i>
<i>McVey, Blaine</i>	<i>Vice President</i>	<i>GA I - HS</i>	<i>WRHS</i>	<i>Faflick, Diann</i>	<i>Wed - Feb 23</i>
<i>Nimishakavi, Aditi</i>	<i>Australia</i>	<i>GA I - HS</i>	<i>WRHS</i>	<i>Faflick, Diann</i>	<i>Wed - Feb 23</i>
<i>Doubledee, Sonya</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>WC D - 7th</i>	<i>WRHS</i>	<i>Faflick, Diann</i>	<i>Thurs - Feb 24</i>
<i>Joy, Sasha</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>WC C - 7th</i>	<i>WRHS</i>	<i>Faflick, Diann</i>	<i>Thurs - Feb 24</i>
<i>Jalosjos, Donna</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>WC III - 8th</i>	<i>WRHS</i>	<i>Faflick, Diann</i>	<i>Fri - Feb 25</i>
<i>Busch, Andy</i>	<i>Australia</i>	<i>GA IV - HS</i>	<i>WRHS</i>	<i>Faflick, Diann</i>	<i>Mon - Feb 28</i>
<i>Cheung, Karyna</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>GA II - HS</i>	<i>WRHS</i>	<i>Faflick, Diann</i>	<i>Mon - Feb 28</i>
<i>Davis, Evander</i>	<i>Afghanistan</i>	<i>GA II - HS</i>	<i>WRHS</i>	<i>Faflick, Diann</i>	<i>Mon - Feb 28</i>
<i>Escalante, Lily</i>	<i>Brazil</i>	<i>GA IV - HS</i>	<i>WRHS</i>	<i>Faflick, Diann</i>	<i>Mon - Feb 28</i>
<i>Nelson, Cade</i>	<i>Brazil</i>	<i>GA II - HS</i>	<i>WRHS</i>	<i>Faflick, Diann</i>	<i>Mon - Feb 28</i>
<i>Park, Jiyoan</i>	<i>Russia</i>	<i>GA III - HS</i>	<i>WRHS</i>	<i>Faflick, Diann</i>	<i>Mon - Feb 28</i>
<i>Patel, Jenna</i>	<i>Saudi Arabia</i>	<i>GA III - HS</i>	<i>WRHS</i>	<i>Faflick, Diann</i>	<i>Mon - Feb 28</i>
<i>Peterson, Molly</i>	<i>Vietnam</i>	<i>GA IV - HS</i>	<i>WRHS</i>	<i>Faflick, Diann</i>	<i>Mon - Feb 28</i>
<i>Reed, Lauren</i>	<i>United Kingdom</i>	<i>GA III - HS</i>	<i>WRHS</i>	<i>Faflick, Diann</i>	<i>Mon - Feb 28</i>
<i>Reilly, Finn</i>	<i>China</i>	<i>GA II - HS</i>	<i>WRHS</i>	<i>Faflick, Diann</i>	<i>Mon - Feb 28</i>
<i>Taylor, Jackson</i>	<i>United Kingdom</i>	<i>GA IV - HS</i>	<i>WRHS</i>	<i>Faflick, Diann</i>	<i>Mon - Feb 28</i>
<i>Wagner, Victoria</i>	<i>China</i>	<i>GA III - HS</i>	<i>WRHS</i>	<i>Faflick, Diann</i>	<i>Mon - Feb 28</i>
<i>Garg, Arushi</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>WC IV - HS</i>	<i>WRHS</i>	<i>Faflick, Diann</i>	<i>Tues - March 1</i>
<b>Awards:</b>					
Evander Davis, GA II Afghanistan - Best Authorship Speech					
Lauren Reed, GA III, United Kingdom - Best Negotiation Speech					
Finn Reilly, GA II, China - Best Affirmation Speech & 3rd Place of Top Three Delegates					
Jackson Taylor, GA IV, United Kingdom - 2nd Place of Top Three Delegates					

WASHBURN RURAL  
THEATRE PRESENTS

April 7, 8 & 9, 2022

a play by Alan Ayckbourn

# Woman in Mind

TICKETS \$6 AT THE DOOR OR  
ONLINE AT [WARUTHEATRE.ORG](http://WARUTHEATRE.ORG) @WARUTHEATRE



Written by Alan Ayckbourn

Presented by special arrangement with Samuel French

From interviews with Alan Ayckbourn, (playwright) [alanayckbourne.net](http://alanayckbourne.net) 2014

“I was initially interested in writing a play told entirely in the first person. One in which all the action is seen through the eyes of its central character. Meaning, that the story should be seen through Susan’s eyes; and we are her. As she goes crazy, we go crazy.”

“On a simple level it’s about this woman who has such an unsatisfactory life she takes refuge in fantasy when her life gets too dull. Eventually she can’t sort out what is real, and throughout the evening, gradually loses touch with reality.”

Production Staff:

DIRECTOR: Connie Archer-McGinnis  
TECHNICAL DIRECTION/DESIGN: Nick Beasley  
COSTUME SUPERVISOR: Linnea Hoyos  
STAGE MANAGER: Bry McDaniel  
ASST STAGE MGR: Camryn Clark

Cast List:

Susan - Madison Torrez  
Bill - Canton Schenk  
Gerald - Griffin Reiff  
Muriel - Molly Peterson  
Rick - Calvin Schenk  
Andy - Christian Ryan  
Tony - Cade Nelson  
Lucy - Megan Fawl

# THE BENEFITS OF JOINING WRHS STUCO

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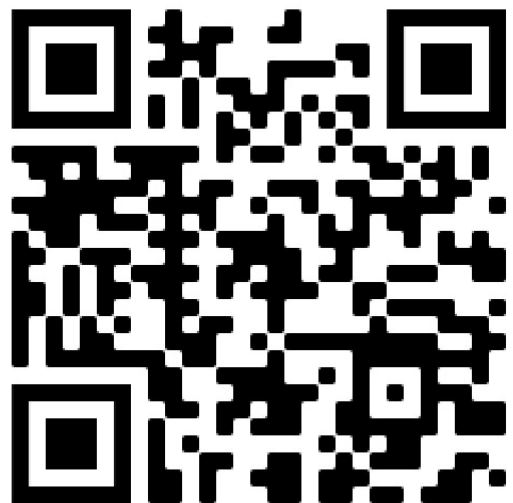
YOU GET TO HELP WITH SCHOOL EVENTS



YOU GAIN LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

..... **COME JOIN US!** .....

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING!



For questions contact Ms.Barber & Ms.Luse

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SCAN FOR GOOGLE FORM

# ◆ Career and Technical Education

## Featured Career Pathways

The [Digital Media Pathway](#) is part of the [Arts, A/V & Communications Career Cluster](#). This Career Cluster® is focused on designing, producing, exhibiting, performing, writing, and publishing multimedia content including visual and performing arts and design, journalism and entertainment services.

Courses in the pathway progress from computer and graphic design skills to photography and photo imaging. In the advanced or application level courses, students produce the [Yearbook](#) and [Newspaper](#).

Career options for this Pathway include Audio Systems Technician; Audio-Video Designer and Engineer; Audio-Video System Service Technician; Technical Computer Support Technician; Film, Video, and DVD Videographer; Special Effects and Animation Video Systems Technician.



The [Teaching and Training Pathway](#) is in the [Education and Training Career Cluster](#). This Career Cluster® is focused on planning, managing and providing education and training services, and related learning support services.

Students in these Pathway courses study career and life planning, human growth and development, and have the opportunity to observe and gain experience in school classrooms.

Career options for this pathway include Child Care Workers, Elementary, Middle, and High School teachers, Human Resource Trainers, and College Instructors or Professors.



# ◆ Career and Technical Education

## Business & Industry Community Partners

To maintain Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs that meet current occupational needs, CTE educators rely heavily on advice from business and industry. An important step in establishing, maintaining, or up-grading an existing CTE cluster/pathway is the organization of a local Advisory Committee.

An Advisory Committee is a group of persons outside the education profession, comprised of representative lay-people, recognized and respected in their own fields of work who advise CTE educators, administrators, and local board of education members regarding clusters/pathways, based on the employment needs of the community, state, regional, national, and international marketplace. ([KSDE](#))

On March 30, WRHS hosted the 2nd Annual CTE Showcase. Advisory committees, faculty, staff, and students from all Career Pathways met together to celebrate the accomplishments of the year. Students hosted a browsing fair of their projects, allowing them an opportunity to interact and network with committee members. Students in Ms.Dible's Meal Management classes provided refreshments.

A short program highlighted Career Technical Student Organizations (CTSO) and clubs; Student Based Enterprises; and Work Based Learning. The student-produced video about CTE at WRHS was revealed and can be viewed by clicking [here](#). Door prizes were provided by our sponsors, Advisors Excel, Chick-fil-a, Mars, and WRHS businesses Common Grounds and The Shack, committees held meetings and enjoyed building tours.



NTHS Co-Presidents Grace Sakai and Nick Luetje hosted the Showcase



## Summer Opportunities

Summer will be here before you know it, do you have a plan? Students may want to consider taking a college course or participating in a job shadow experience.

### Tuition Free College Courses: Excel in CTE

In 2012, a plan was launched to enhance career technical education in Kansas and better prepare high school students for college and careers. Under the Excel in Career Technical Education Initiative, Kansas high school students qualify for state-funded college tuition in approved technical courses offered by Kansas technical and community colleges.

[2021-2022 QUALIFYING CREDENTIALS](#) - approved May 2021 (pdf) Note: ALL technical education courses approved by the Kansas Board of Regents are eligible for tuition reimbursement. This is a list of the high need/high demand credentials that are eligible for the incentive.

## Work Based Learning

If students are interested in job shadowing or workplace experience classes for next year, they should contact Mrs. Golden ([goldeter@usd437.net](mailto:goldeter@usd437.net)) or stop by F2425 for more information.



# COMMON GROUNDS

***WRHS runs on Common  
Grounds***



# ◆ Career and Technical Education



Sponsored by Silver Lake Bank

## Senior Spotlight



My name is Kyler Knudtson and I am the president of the WRHS Bank, as well as the president for the student business club DECA.

I have been a part of the bank and DECA since my sophomore year and have joined the coffee shop for my senior year. I am also a part of the tennis team in the spring.

My favorite part of being in the student businesses is the experience I've gained and building connections with some of my best friends.

After graduating, I plan to go to University of Nebraska-Lincoln to dual major in Actuarial Science and Finance. One piece of advice that I can give is to take life one step at a time, and not to put a lot of thought into each step.

## Congratulations to the Junior Blue Crew monthly prize winners.

Harris Chaudhry - \$15 Chipotle Gift Card  
Xachery Browne - \$15 Chipotle Gift Card  
Diann Faflick - \$10 Common Grounds Gift Card

If a high school freshman put just \$7 into an account at WRHS Bank for every month for an entire school year, they would have invested \$63 into a bank account. If they were to keep this up for 4 years (freshman-senior), they would have saved \$252 into their bank account. With interest, their account balance would be \$343.24 for just depositing \$7 a month. On top of this, students are also eligible for monthly prizes, such as gift cards or free deposits.

They are also eligible for a \$500 grand prize drawing in May. To be eligible, students must deposit \$7 every month from August to May.





# THE SHACK

senior spotlights



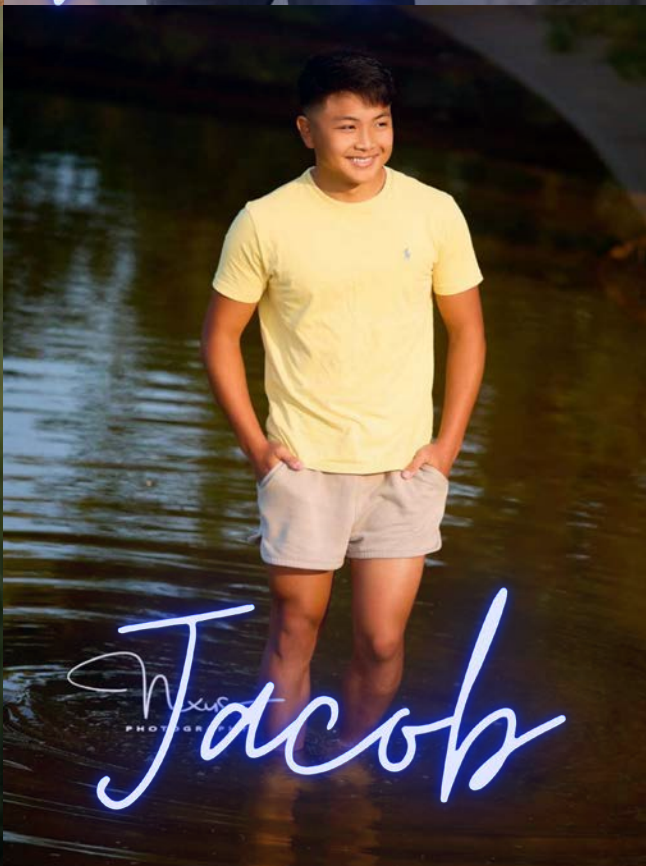
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*Junior & Senior Women*

*Shirts!*



*Orders close  
April 10th at 11:59 pm*

<https://ruralspirit.square.site/>



Scan the QR Code to order!

*Pickup in May*

THE IB ART SENIORS PRESENT

# MOVING FORWARD

EXHIBITIONS INSPIRING CHANGE



APRIL 1ST 5-8 PM

TWO WOLVES GALLERY

114 SW 8TH AVE UPSTAIRS, TOPEKA, KS

# ◆ WRHS Art Department

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## IB Art Senior Show

The International Baccalaureate seniors at Washburn Rural High School will be presenting their senior exhibitions on April 1st, 2022 at Two Wolves Studio & Artist Den, 114 SW 8th Street, Topeka, Kansas. The exhibition is the culmination of two years of hard work and dedication by Adrian Cox, Finn Reilly, and Kellan Huebner. Each student's work consists of a theme of their choice and ranges in mediums from ceramics, acrylic paint, mixed media and assemblage. The juniors Tyler Lemke and Mark Pickering will also be exhibiting a few of their artworks as a precursor for their senior exhibition next year. Everyone is welcome to attend the opening night from 5-8 at Two Wolves Gallery in downtown Topeka and participate in the April 1st First Friday art walk. The artwork will remain up for the month of April. If you can't make it out for the opening please stop by during business hours.

The International Baccalaureate program at WRHS is an academically challenging and balanced program that meets international standards in education and prepares students for success in college and beyond. WRHS is one of eight schools in Kansas and the only school in Topeka to have an IB Diploma Program.

Date: April 1, 2022

Time: 5:00-8:00 PM

Location: Two Wolves Studio & Artist Den, 114 SW 8th Street, Topeka

Contact: Theresa Shetler Logan, Art Teacher, shetlthe@usd437.net, 785-339-4224

## Kansas Art Education Association

On March 26th at the Topeka Public Library the Youth Art Month Awards was celebrated. This was a competition for the entire state of Kansas hosted by the Kansas Art Education Association. Adrian Cox won an Honorable mention for the high school division and Lee Wohlgast won Best of Show.





Lee Wohlgast



Adrian Cox

## Free ACT Test Preparation Resources

 	<p>Test Dates, Preparing for the Test, Test Overview, Test Day Checklist  <a href="http://bit.ly/testprepACT">http://bit.ly/testprepACT</a> (some not free)</p> <p>Free Personalized Practice  <a href="http://bit.ly/ACTPrepAcademy">http://bit.ly/ACTPrepAcademy</a></p>
	<p><b>EBSCO Learning Express Library</b> - 4 complete practice tests, word games, flash review and practice tests for science, reading, writing, &amp; English  <a href="https://kslib.info/221/Online-Databases">https://kslib.info/221/Online-Databases</a> (Skill Builders section) Text 4 Help 785-260-0015</p>
	<p>Kaplan Free ACT Practice  <a href="https://www.kaptest.com/act/free/act-practice">https://www.kaptest.com/act/free/act-practice</a></p>
	<p>McGraw Hill Education Practice Plus: two complete online practice tests with explanations for every question and problem-solving videos  <a href="http://www.mhpracticeplus.com/act.php">http://www.mhpracticeplus.com/act.php</a></p>
	<p>Peterson's free sample ACT test questions, to see where you need to focus your preparation, along with answers at the end of all the questions.  <a href="http://bit.ly/PetersonTestPrep">http://bit.ly/PetersonTestPrep</a></p>
	<p>Book resources (print and electronic) from the WRHS Library          Call #: 378.1  <a href="http://library.usd437.net">http://library.usd437.net</a> Text 4 Help 785-260-0015</p>
	<p>Test support and resources by following @ACT, @ACTStudent on Twitter  <a href="http://twitter.com">http://twitter.com</a></p>
<p><b>APPs for Android and iOS</b></p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>ACT Test, Practice &amp; Flashcards</b> - free tier is robust with 100 video lessons &amp; over 60 practice questions</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>ACT Prep: Practice Tests, Flashcards</b> - Wealth of practice questions but no test taking strategies</p> </div> </div>
<p><b>Sections of the the ACT</b></p>	<p><b>English</b> - 45 minutes, 75 questions      <b>Math</b> - 60 minutes, 60 questions  <a href="http://act.org/calculator-policy.html">http://act.org/calculator-policy.html</a>  <b>Reading</b> - 35 minutes, 40 questions      <b>Science</b>- 35 minutes, 40 questions  <b>Writing</b> (optional) - 40 minutes, 1 prompt  <u>Remember:</u> Take your best guess! No penalty for wrong answers.</p>



## THINK OUTSIDE THE LINES

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## Gale Opposing Viewpoints in Context

Access via **WRHS Library's list of available databases**  
<http://wrhsresearch.weebly.com>

**Tutorial Videos for electronic note taking, sending article w/citation to google drive, etc.**  
<https://support.gale.com/training/videos/ovic>

**Text 4 Help: 785-260-0015**

## Mrs. Finney's Monthly YA Book Recommendation



*Slay*  
By Brittney Morris  
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“Black Panther meets Ready Player One” - Goodreads. Kiera is a regular student, trying to navigate life with her parents, siblings, and overbearing boyfriend, but behind the scenes Kiera is a coding whiz and the game developer behind the hot online mpg Slay. When one of the players is killed in real life, Kiera must navigate growing public pressure to take down the game while trying to keep her identity a secret.



April 2022



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- technology support
- homework help
- reading recommendations
- area job openings
- school activities and more



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# PTO Blues Backers April 2022

## WHO WE ARE

Blues Backers is the parent-teacher organization at Washburn Rural High School. Our purpose is to work closely with the administration at the school to support the students as well as show appreciation for the hard work of the teachers and staff. This is accomplished through volunteer time and financial support in various ways.

Blues Backers are responsible for organizing and executing a number of events and activities:

- Organizing & Hosting post-prom each year
- Fulfilling funding requests from extra-curricular activities (sports, clubs, activities)
- Providing concessions at events
- Providing hospitality lounge at school-hosted events
- Student achievement recognition
- Hosting teacher appreciation events
- Volunteering at school dances/events

## FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

Clubs and sports teams continue to raise funds by working concession stands. Over **\$6,500** was made during the winter season!!! The spring season schedule has been sent out to all WRHS teachers. If you know your child's club or sport's team would like to fundraise with a concession stand, please contact your coach or club representative. There are still spring concession stand slots available. The money raised this year can be used during the 2022-2023 school year.

## FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!



@WRHSBluesBackers





# PTO Blues Backers April 2022

## JOIN THE WRHS PTO/BLUES BACKERS



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<https://usd437.net/schools/wrhs/pto/>



Venmo is now available  
for purchasing items,  
memberships,  
donations, etc...  
@WashburnruralHSpto

## CHECK OUT OUR MERCHANDISE

Check out our website for many  
items \$10 and under! Reminder -  
merchandise can be purchased  
through the school store, [The Shack](#).

## NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

We have a couple of volunteer  
positions opening next year and  
would love to have these filled at our  
April meeting. These include  
concessions scheduling and social  
media/newsletter.

Meetings are held the 2nd  
Wednesday of each month. You are  
welcome to bring friends. We would  
love to see you!



# PTO Blues Backers

## April 2022

# THANK YOU MEMBERS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

### Jr. Blue Level

Emily and John Collins  
Verna Jackson and Larry Mock  
Jeff and Jenny Armstrong  
Brian and Danielle Casebeer  
Shelby Ross  
Ed and Carmen Raines  
Angela Truelove  
Rick and Casey Frisby  
Brian and Jenny Lang  
Dana Soph  
Brad and Amber Miller  
Cheryl Tuckwin  
Jason and Erin Nolte  
Jeremy and Susan Poling  
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Patrick and Jennifer Grogan  
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Jason and Morgan Padgett  
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Melissa and Curt Eversgerd  
Melissa Aeschliman  
Ryan and Lacy Randall  
Melissa and Jeremy Briggs  
Jodi Vickery  
Ron and Julie Daniels  
Tara and Braden Dimick  
Erik and Chelsea Blankenship  
Tonya Cape  
Aaron and Jennifer Endsley  
Brenda & Robert North  
Josh & Lindsay Whitmore  
Catherine Meier  
**Thomas L. VanDerSluis**

### Blue Level

Amos and Jamie Bazil  
Kara and Brandon Trieu  
Shannon Soden  
Charlotte Burton  
Patsy Bishop  
Sondra and Israel Marquez  
Tim and Karah Hight  
Noelle and Scott Resch  
Kris and Melissa Kasprzyk  
Jenni and Danny Howard

Brady and Shanna Simpson  
Amanda and Andrew Hartz  
Monique Fortune-Finney  
Darin and Angie Conklin  
Randy and PJ Adair  
Rene Hart  
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Marcie and Ty Frederickson  
John Ritchie  
Debbie Reiff  
Russ and Jeanne Vawter  
Valerie M VanDerSluis  
Danna Hutsen  
Casey & Carrie Stead

### White Level

Bill & Debbie Lutes  
Robin and Steve Wolgast  
Quint and Lori Reelfs  
Dirk and Amy Christian  
Christi Rack  
Angie and Robert Haggard  
Ronda Kozlowski  
Heidi Parker  
Jason Parker  
Cindy Burgett  
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John and Ann Janca  
Dana Leigh Burt  
Tyler and Megan Pfizenmaier  
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# WRHS April Calendar

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## **Friday, April 1**

Coleman Hawkins Jazz Festival  
JV Baseball @ Shawnee Heights

## **Saturday, April 2**

ACT Test Date  
Varsity Boys Tennis  
V Girls' Soccer Tournament v. ONW  
Prom

## **Monday, April 4**

Blood Drive  
2022-23 Dance Team Tryout Clinic  
C Baseball v. Junction City

## **Tuesday, April 5**

Varsity Boys Tennis  
JV/V Baseball vs. Hays  
2022-23 Dance Team Tryout Clinic  
Varsity Girls Soccer @ Highland Park

## **Wednesday, April 6**

Early Release - 45 Minutes  
JV Track and Field @ Seaman  
Varsity Boys Tennis  
C Team Baseball vs. Seaman  
JV Boys Tennis Hayden Dual

## **Thursday, April 7**

2021-22 Club Date  
2022-23 Dance Team Tryout Clinic  
JV/V Girls Soccer @ Manhattan  
Spring Play

## **Friday, April 8**

JV/V Baseball vs. Manhattan  
Varsity Track and Field Olathe West  
Invite  
JV/V Softball @ Manhattan  
Spring Play

## **Saturday, April 9**

KSHSAA Regional Solo and Small  
Ensemble Festival  
JV Boys Tennis "All Comers" Meet  
Spring Play

## **Monday, April 11**

AF JROTC CIA Trip to DC  
WaRu Music Festival  
JV Boys Tennis Emporia Dual  
JV/V Girls Soccer vs. Blue Valley West

## **Tuesday, April 12**

AF JROTC CIA Trip to DC  
Varsity Girls Swim @ Shawnee Mission East  
JV/V Baseball vs. Topeka High  
Varsity Boys Tennis  
JV/V Girls Soccer @ Seaman  
JV/V Softball vs. Topeka High

## **Wednesday, April 13**

AF JROTC CIA Trip to DC  
Varsity Girls Swim/Dive Topeka West Invite  
8th Grade Strength and Conditioning Testing  
JV Track and Field Jr. Blues Invite  
JV Boys Tennis vs. Lawrence Free State  
JV Softball Quad #2

## **Friday, April 15**

No School (Staff Day)  
AF JROTC CIA Trip to DC  
JV Boys Tennis Emporia Tournament  
Varsity Softball Tournament  
JV Softball vs. Blue Valley West

## **Saturday, April 16**

AF JROTC CIA Trip to DC  
Varsity Softball Tournament  
Varsity Baseball @ KU Hogleund Park  
Varsity Baseball @ Lawrence High

## **Sunday, April 17**

AF JROTC CIA Trip to DC

## **Monday, April 18**

AF JROTC CIA Trip to DC  
JV/V Girls Soccer @ Topeka West  
Board of Education

## **Tuesday, April 19**

Varsity Boys Tennis Topeka West Invite  
JV/V Softball vs. Topeka West  
JV/V Girls Soccer vs. Bishop Carroll

## **Wednesday, April 20**

JV Track and Field @ Shawnee Heights  
C Team Baseball vs. Shawnee Heights  
JV/V Baseball @ Hummer Sports Park  
JV Softball Quad #3

## **Thursday, April 21**

2021-22 Club Date  
Varsity Girls Swim @ Lawrence Free State  
JV Boys Tennis Seaman Dual  
WRHS Site Council Meeting  
Book of Will - Fundraising performance  
Percussion Ensemble Concert

## **Friday, April 22**

Earth Day Poster Fair  
Varsity Baseball vs. Seaman  
Varsity Track and Field Free State Barrier  
Breakers  
JV Baseball @ Seaman  
JV Girls Soccer @ Wichita Northwest  
Book of Will - Fundraising performance

## **Saturday, April 23**

KSHSAA Regional Speech Tournament  
JV Girls Soccer @ Wichita Northwest

## **Monday, April 25**

Senior Week  
Senior Class Meeting  
JV Boys Tennis Topeka West Dual  
C Team Baseball @ Seaman  
JV/V Girls Soccer vs. Mill Valley

## **Tuesday, April 26**

Varsity Girls Swim/Dive Topeka West Invite  
District Vocal Festival Concert

## **Wednesday, April 27**

Early Release - 45 Minutes  
Senior Week  
JV Track and Field @ Hummer  
AF JROTC Awards night  
District Orchestra Festival Concert

## **Thursday, April 28**

Senior Week  
District Band Festival Rehearsal  
JV/V Boys Tennis City Meet  
District Band Festival Concert

## **Friday, April 29**

Senior Week  
Varsity Track and Field Seaman Relays  
JV Baseball vs. Emporia  
JV/V Softball vs. Emporia  
Varsity Baseball @ Emporia

## **Saturday, April 30**

KSHSAA 6A State Solo and Small Ensemble  
Festival