

# The HORNET BUZZ



## Good Luck to the Class of 2017

### CLASS OF 2017 VALEDICTORIANS

By Lauren Baker '18

Each year the top students in the senior class are named valedictorian. To become a valedictorian you must have a GPA of 4.0 or higher. This is an honorable award and looks great to colleges. Max Hayes, Olivia Nolan, and Kayla Kane are this year's Valedictorians. Each of them have worked diligently through high school to earn this title.

Max Hayes has a GPA of 4.05. He accomplished this goal by being persistent. Max's future plans are to attend the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. There Max will study Engineering. One thing Max will miss about high school is seeing his friends. Olivia Nolan has a GPA of 4.05. She has done this by working hard, doing all of her work, and pushing herself. Olivia's future plans are to attend Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana. At Valpo, she will study nursing. Something Olivia will miss about

high school is playing sports. Kayla Kane has a GPA of 4.04. She has fulfilled this by sacrificing fun things in order to do everything assigned. Finding a balance between social activities, sports, sleep, and school is key. Kayla's future plans are to attend the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. She will study pre-med to become a nurse. Kayla will also miss sports in high school.

Some tips the three have to younger students that have this goal are, first to do all your work and turn it in on time. Another tip is to not give up. Keep pushing yourself to achieve your goals. Lastly is to believe in yourself. You'd be surprised what you can achieve with a positive attitude and hard work.

### RETIRING ROBARE

By Claire Felix '17

The biology, anatomy and physiology, and zoology teacher, Mr. Scott Robare, has decided it is time to retire from his career. Mr. Robare has made numerous contributions to Hillsdale High School such as being coaches for different sports, being a teacher for all students, and being involved with the boy's basketball team. He has impacted several students as well as his tennis teams due to his dedication and support for all of them. There are former students that will visit him on college breaks and thank him for his help in high school. I decided to interview Mr. Robare about his experience as a Hillsdale Hornet teacher.



The first question I asked Mr. Robare was about his overall experience as a teacher here. He replied, "I enjoyed it quite a bit. I had lots of great students and worked with great teachers. Out of all the schools I taught at, Hillsdale was the best one." I also asked what his plans were after retiring. He said, "I plan to move to Three Rivers to be by my children



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and grandchildren.” My final question was what his favorite memory was at Hillsdale High School. He responded, “Definitely all the athletic runs such as football finals and basketball quarterfinals. Also teaching people that have become doctors and are successful in their careers. I had a student that became a part of the counterintelligence analysis team and mentioned me in a speech given in Washington D.C.”

Mr. Robare has been part of the Hornet teaching staff for 32 years. He has loved all moments of his career and does not regret a thing. Students have come back after numerous years to thank him for his teaching and constant support of their career paths. We all will miss Mr. Robare as he moves forward with his life. Good luck to him and his wife as they make the new move!

## SENIORITIS

By Taylor Ronk '17

Being a Senior can be the most stressful part of a high schooler's experience. We're all stressed about keeping the perfect GPA to get into the school of our dreams. Going through the stress of applying to multiple colleges and hoping to get accepted. All while going to the last events we can to try and make our last year our best year. You are never really prepared for how stressful but amazing your senior year can.

Just to make things easier I talked to a few seniors so you can have a sneak peak into senioritis. Firstly I asked MacKenzie Gingerich '17, “What was your favorite part of your senior year?” “It was on my birthday and had a cheer competition and we won 3rd place.” “What was the most stressful part of the year?” “I would have to say exams and making sure I did good.” “Do you have any advice for upcoming seniors to make their year less stressful?” “If I have learned one thing my senior year it's to stay focused on my classes and not procrastinate.” Next I asked Shianna Keiser '17 “What was your favorite part of your senior year?” “My favorite part was prom and after prom.” “What was the most stressful part of the year?” “My exams in the first semester. I wanted to be sure I didn't have to retake any classes in the second semester.” “Do you have any advice for upcoming seniors to make their year less stressful?” “I would have to say to remain focused in all your classes and don't give up no matter how hard they can be.”

As you can tell procrastination and trying to stay focused is a big problem as a senior when all you can think of is your last day of school. So it's always a good thing to get work done for your classes early especially if you're in a sport. Try not to worry about having everything perfect because nobody is perfect and it will just add up stress. Just remember to relax, have fun, and make your last year your best year.

## FINAL SENIOR MEMORIES

By: Shianna Keiser '17

Senior's final days are approaching. Emotions are flowing out of the seniors. They are happy, sad, excited, and ready to graduate. For the rest of the remaining time they have they are going to make final memories with their friends and their graduating class.

I interviewed seniors about the memories that they have and will make this year. I asked Taylor Ronk what she is looking forward to in her final days in

Hillsdale High School. She said, “I am most looking forward to my final chorale concert. Also finally being done with high school.” MacKenzie Gingerich was asked what her best memories from this year were. She said, “The cheer meet at Jonesville on my birthday, when we place 3rd. Also going to Cedar Point for BPA was really fun and a great memory.” Most memories made from this year all revolve around clubs, classes, and friends. So for seniors or any other student in this school join stuff and make memories with friends. Each year of your life you will make memories. Make a lot of them in high school to remember forever.

## GRADUATION OPEN HOUSE TRENDS

By Ashley Garfield-Giminez '17

It's graduation open house season which means lots of family, friends, and food. When it comes to planning the party, the first thing to think of is where to host it. Many people have it at their house, at a park, or at a townhall depending on how large of a party and the size of the venue. Another thing to think of is decorations. Many have photo books or posters that have pictures of them throughout their lives and their senior pictures. Along with pictures, there are balloons and grad decorations and typically signs from their school.

One of the most important parts of an open house, that everyone comes for is the food. Trends such as grill food, catering, or even homemade are very popular. I asked Olivia Nolan what kinds of food she will have and she said, “We will be having some chicken tacos and cheese-cake and a candy bar. The rest is a mystery.” I asked around and some are having taco bars, ordering subs, pulled pork, wings, and much more.

Graduation is exciting and so are the parties. It is a time to celebrate finally being done with high school and moving onto the next chapter of your life. There are many ways to decorate, celebrate, feed, and have fun at open houses. It's your party, you decide.

## GRADUATION STORY!

By Jasmine Wilson '17

Everyone always looks forward to graduation. They work so hard for 13 years to get to where they want to be. Over the years they may struggle, but they always try to make it through it. Most students do not realize that graduation is not for them, it is for their parents that work so hard for you to reach your goals and dreams.

The one thing a parent looks forward to is watching the student walk across that stage. For the students it is the next big step in their life. How they are about to head off to college or right into the job force. All the seniors have different stories on where they are going in life. Also they have a different outlook on everything.

Once we all walk across that stage that is when our lives really began. That is when we go off on our own to college, to do bigger better things in our lives. I hope that everyone goes on and goes where they want in life. Graduation is a day to remember, it will be a day you will never forget!

## WOMEN IN SCIENCE

By Kennedy Beach '18

Hillsdale High School held an assembly about women in science. Line Van Nieuwstadt an associate professor of Engineering Practice at UM Dearborn College of engineering's Multidisciplinary program. She joined SPRL in 1999, and was involved in the Icarus End-mass student satellite funded by NASA's Marshall Space Flight

Center. Joined Hillsdale High School students to talk about her involvement in helping build the mars rover and encourage girls to join the science and technology field. The advisor, Amy Goldsmith, helped make this event possibly.

I asked Goldsmith a few question? How and where did you met Line Van Nieuwstadt? "I meet her volunteering at the robotics contest. They both had to help get the robots on the field and they got chatting after competition What was your favorite part? " When (Martha Goodell) said "you don't have to be a genius to work in science." Why did you really encourage girls to go to the assembly? " Because there is a big gender gap.

Not only was Line Van Nieuwstadt there but we had three other amazing women there. Martha Goodell is a managing partner at Enigami Partners, LLC and a member or Hyde Parks Angles. She has an M.B.A in finance and a masters of science in Environment and resources with a Certificate in Energy Analysis and Policy. Bethany Bowman is a senior at Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts. She is majoring in environmen-



tal science with concentrations in marine science and geoscience. Finally, Marla Bowen was also there, She graduated from high school in 1979 and attended MSU to earn a Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering with emphasis in computer engineering in November 1984.

## PETERSEN BECOMES AN EAGLE

MaCayla Bisher 18'

This month we are featuring Shannon Petersen for being an outstanding member of our community. Shannon is a part of Boy Scouts and was recently trying to receive his Eagle Scout to be at the top of his club. He took on the commitment of renovating the Hillsdale High School courtyards. Hillsdale High School appreciates his hard work. First thing Petersen did was reach out to other students that wanted to do community service and felt the want to help. His goal was to plant flowers, rake weeds, renovate the memorial, paint metal benches, and repair wooden benches. He knew a lot of time and manpower would go into this but he was determined. Not only did Petersen have volunteers from the high school to help him but some Hillsdale College Students came over to help out as well. The Petersen family was a kind and humble family to be around and made the experience very rewarding.

The project was a week long and the weather was not very agreeable. Petersen kept a positive attitude along the way though. When asking him how he thought the project went his reply was, "Initially I was only focussed on finding a project to do and get my Eagle Project done. As the project developed though, I saw the impact it was actually having on the appearance of the place." The atmosphere was changed dramatically. Petersen was so humbled by the experience he said, "I just want to say thank you to all that helped out thank you for all the time they put in. It means alot to me, and the Hornet Hive!"

## GIRLS TENNIS UPDATE

By Claire Conrad '17

The girls tennis team has recently reached the end of their season, finishing with a record of 6-4. The team worked really hard this season and had a very successful season compared to years past. They had some really strong doubles partners this season and earned a lot of our points from them. They also had a couple of strong and successful singles players and earned many points even playing some of the toughest teams. I had the chance to interview one of our JV players, Ella Lewis, and got her take on her first year playing.

Q: How has your first season been for you?

A: *I have had a blast this season with my team and learned so much. I can't wait for next season.*

Q: Have you had fun this season?

A: *I've had a ton of fun with all my friends and made so many memories.*

Q: What has been your favorite memory this season?

A: *When I won my very first match, I was so excited.*

The team had a very memorable season this year and made so many new memories. As they begin to go through the process of getting a new coach, we say goodbye to the tennis coach of many years, Mr. Robare. It will be so different next year for all the girls on the team, but they are excited to see how far they go next year and how much they are going to improve throughout the year. It was my final season of tennis this year, and I was sad to see it go. I have had a blast the last four years being on the team and made so many high school memories and new friendships. I wouldn't trade it for the world.

## REES NEMETH THE POLE VAULTER

By Spencer Eves '19

The first meet of the season, the Charger Preview there were many excellent performances but one sticks out more than the others. This performance was Rees Nemeth in the pole vault, setting a new school record with a vault of 15 feet and 9 inches. With this jump he is ranked first in the whole state by over 5 inches. He also beat the old school record by over a foot which is very impressive.

To improve by as much as Nemeth did there needs to be hard work and Nemeth did just that. Over the summer he went to camps all over the nation and worked out with college athletes. Nemeth knew what it would take to be successful and he did it. Him being ranked #1 in the state, and that is no miracle it is hard work and determination.

Nemeth qualified for states at regionals vaulting a height of 13'9. He also took first place in pole vault and second in the 110 meter hurdles. The track team competed on Saturday at team state, Nemeth was a big contributor in pole vault and the hurdles. Nemeth will also compete at individual state, where he is looking for 1st place. Nemeth has had a fabulous season with



more to come.

## NATIONAL COMPETITORS

By Taegan Hoffman '18

This winter, Hillsdale had two athletes who performed well enough to get invited to the indoor New Balance national track meet held in New York. VanDusen and Nemeth both competed. This is the highest tier of competition in high school. The fastest high school athletes in the nation compete here. They both performed well.

Hillsdale senior Rees Nemeth was invited to nationals to compete in the pole vault. Nemeth is the number one vaulter in the state as of now in every division. Nemeth has set the pole vault record this year by breaking the previous record of 14'9". Nemeth at nationals vaulted 13'9", placing 20th. "To compete at that level was very intense and hard to imagine" Rees stated.

Hillsdale junior Devin VanDusen was invited to nationals to run the 60m run. VanDusen is the fastest 400m runner and is the second fastest 100m and 200m runner in the state. VanDusen ran a 7.13 60m placing 23rd place. VanDusen plans to return next year in more than just the 60. He has already qualified for next year in the 100 with a 10.84.

## Get OUT AND GOLF

By Halie Foulk '18

Girl's golf is a sport that needs to have practice before the season begins in the fall time. Golf is an improvement sport, meaning the more that is practiced the better the player will be. The golf team can always use more golfers. It is a commitment sport. There needs to be practice all summer long leading up to the start of September.

The girl's golf team goes out to White Oaks Golf Course to practice

during the summer as a team to improve skills. The girls usually complete four to five holes during the days in which you meet for practice. It is important to do this because the skill of golf takes time and effort to build up the capability to do well. The summer practice will consist of helping get the skills back down and fixing the little improvements. It is highly encouraged to attend these practices on the days it is offered. Also, White Oaks Golf Course is open at anytime so you do not need to be with the team in order to go out and practice.

The girl's golf team is in need of more players. It does not matter what level you are at in golf. Golfing is a fun sport that can last a lifetime. The team gets along super well, and it is a great thing to get involved in. Practice is the only way to get better! Take the time to make adjustments and become a better golfer this upcoming summer. Join the team and the fun.

## GIRLS SOCCER

By McKenzie Firrone '18

As the girls soccer season is coming to an end, they have faced problems. The soccer team has been struggling this season to grasp a win but improving dramatically. Our high scoring players are Katy Kempa, Julissa Torres, Josie Miller, and Emily Wright. The team has experienced some close games against Blissfield, Onsted, Springport, and Jackson Christian. I interviewed freshmen Emily Wright about the season.

Q: How has your first season of soccer been?

A: *Really good. I have met new people and I have improved as a player.*

Q: How does it feel to be one of the leading scorers as a freshman?

A: *It is awesome to know that I am one of the youngest players on the*

*team and one of the top scorers. It shows my determination to be the best I can be.*

Q: What was your favorite part of the season?

A: *Getting to play the sport I love with my team.*

The girls soccer team season is coming to an end. Hillsdale alumnis Trevor Clevenger and Austin Hawkins have helped the girls towards the end of the season, and the team has improved tremendously. "The attitude when they are at our games is amazing, and helps us a lot to not lose focus and just keep us positive and motivated throughout the whole game," Junior Shaelyn Bautista stated. The team won in the first round of districts on May 30th against Michigan Center at home. It was a good game.

## DUAL SPORTING

By Julissa Torres '18

Being a student at Hillsdale High School, I have been a part of dual sporting for two years. I decided to do this my sophomore year of school because my friends were doing it and having more fun. I dual sport with pole vaulting in track and playing soccer. I am passionate for these two sports and choosing just one to do was not enough. I will tell you about one of my experiences as dual sporting.

This year, I had a track meet and a soccer game on the same day. Both were home and I was needed to participate. I decided to play in the soccer game at the Field of Dreams for the entire game and then I raced over to the track to see if I had enough time to vault. I actually did have enough time and I earned us the one point that we needed to win the meet. It was a super fun experience but very stressful for me and my parents.

I definitely would recommend dual

sporting. It gives you a chance to be part of two teams and meet new people. The downside of it is less practice time for each sport. I will be dual sporting for my senior year, hoping to improve in both sports. I hope that other athletes join in on the experience because it is unforgettable. I cannot wait until next year to do it all over again.

## GIRLS GONE STRONG

By Abi Arnold '18

Girls hornet power is a great way for girls looking to make themselves healthier and stronger. It's also a relief from normal school work at the end of the day. Just because it's girls hornet power doesn't mean it's any different from the guys hornet power. The girls lift Monday, Wednesday, Friday and the lifts are, most of the time, what the guys did that morning. Every girl in there takes advantage of the opportunities every week to get the most out of their lifts. They work hard and do very impressive things.

The other aspect of hornet power that the girls look forward to the most is game day. Tuesday and Thursday the competition gets huge between everyone. It's all about getting your name on the banner. Even the quietest of girls in the class show what they're made of. Handball is definitely the game that gets everyone really going. Girls are chasing after balls, jumping up in the air, and blocking goals left and right.

The energy in the gym and the weight room is always positive. The girls push and encourage each other on. In the weight room we spot one another, cheer each other on, and help keep them in the right mindset to achieve their goals. In the gym it's the same way they help someone up if they've fallen, joke around, and are good sports. Girls hornet power is an all around amaz-

ing things to experience and brings so many benefits to your life.

## TRACK EXPECTATIONS

By Bryce Drews '18

The track team has had quite the success over the few years. Racking up three MITCA state championships, four regional championships and four league championships. Something Hillsdale hasn't accomplished is Individual state championships through MHSAA. In order to win this, your team must have 4-5 extremely good athletes. The community has very high expectations for the track team. If you see a track athlete, wish them good luck at their upcoming meets.

## THE STORY OF JOE WILCOX

By Braxten Boyd '18

Joe Wilcox the seventeen year old son of Jeff and Missy Wilcox he was born and raised in the great town of Hillsdale, Michigan. He is a junior and is a three sport varsity athlete. Joe plays Football, Basketball, and Baseball. I asked Joe about what his favorite sport is and he stated "I love all sports but, I especially love Baseball." I followed up with what position are you best at "Honestly I feel like I'm good at all positions but probably center field because I can make any play in my range in the outfield."

Joe will also need to play a big roll on the varsity Basketball team next year he'll need to step up in a big way. He had a alright season averaging 5.1 points per game and adding 3 rebounds per game. Joe will need to really boost those stats as he moves into a starting role. Joe said "I have really been putting a lot of hours in the gym and I know it'll pay off."

Joe also plays for the football team

who didn't make the playoffs for the first time in 15 years. Joe was a receiver last year and since the offense is going to change a little bit, he will have to do a good job at adjusting and learning new concepts. Joe is also a very bright kid he has taken college classes and he is a part of several groups, such as BPA, FMP, and Interact club.

## ADVANCED ACCREDITATION

By Shaelyn Bautista '18

The AdvancED Accreditation is an international accreditation system. There's 32,000 institutions evaluated by the same standards. There were five people that walked around the school for four days during the week of May 8th-11th. The five educators interviewed 75 people, including students, teachers, board members etc. I interviewed Mrs. Goldsmith who played a key role in the evaluation.

Q: What was your role when this took place?

A: "I was asked by Mr. Vondra to be the district coordinator. I prepared for their arrival and gave a presentation to their team."

Q: How often do the educators come?

A: "Every 5 years."

Q: How were Hillsdale's scores?

A: "We achieved scores higher than the global levels in all areas. The team leader said We planted a garden and we need to stop and smell the roses. He also told Mr. Vondra that he should organize a dance party."

Hillsdale was scored in three categories; teaching and learning impact, leadership capacity, and resource utilization. The scores were above average in all categories. The head of the team said that it is very unusual for a district to be above average in all four categories. The team of educators went to all of the schools, and the scores reflected Hillsdale as a district. The results reflect that Hillsdale Community Schools is a great place to learn and work.

## IMPORTANCE OF AP CLASSES

By Emma Shreffler '17

Anyone with any desire to academically improve themselves should take Advanced Placement courses in high school. You'll learn much more than simply the material that's taught. You'll learn how to manage your time, patience, improved ways of thinking, and analytical skills that are applicable to all subjects. Due to the size of our school, we're somewhat limited in the AP course that are offered. Students have the opportunity to take AP Literature and Composition, AP Environmental Science, AP Calculus, AP Chemistry, and AP United States History, most of these classes are offered every other school year.

Anyone is capable of taking these classes, it's not limited to just the "smart kids." With some time and hard work, anyone can benefit from AP. Aside from what you learn in the classroom, there are several other awesome benefits. AP classes are graded on a five-point scale, this can lead to an increase in cumulative GPAs and competition between classmates. At the end of the year, by taking the AP Exam, your GPA will hopefully raise, and you can potentially receive college credit based upon your score.

I've taken two AP courses within my four years here. Although they can be incredibly challenging, they're completely worth the time and effort. I've gained so much knowledge and many other skills that I'll be taking with me to college next fall. In the past two years, while taking these AP classes, I've grown and improved so much. Challenging yourself and developing important life skills can lead to vast amounts of success and self-improvement.

## THE LITTLE BIG BAND

By Madison Jones '18

The Little Big Band, run by Hillsdale College, is a mixture between a big band and a combo that consists of one of each type of saxophone, one trombone, two trumpets, and a rhythm section. It is also a halfway point between a big band and Jazz combo. There are nine members of this band. Fellow Hillsdale High School students Jacob Roe and Chloe Deck are both participants of this band.

Jacob Roe, a Junior at Hillsdale High School, plays the trumpet and is second chair in his section. When I asked Jacob what his favorite thing about the Little Big Band was, he responded saying, "The challenge of playing with college students and also the difficulty of the music." Chloe Deck, a Sophomore at Hillsdale High School, plays in the saxophone section with her bari saxophone. When I asked her what it's like playing there she said, "It is a lot of fun being with college kids because they are really funny."

The Little Big Band has had a few concerts so far this past year. They have played one concert in December and two concerts this past month. In these concerts, they play just about any type of Jazz music. Due to Hillsdale College ending school early, they have finished their practices for the Little Big band this year. Similar to the school year, they plan on resuming the band next Fall where Jacob and Chloe both plan on returning.

## RETURN OF THE BAND

By: Elayna Masters '18

This year, Dr. Rushing has picked the perfect music for the Hillsdale High School Band. The band will play a composition of Star Wars marches, Can't Stop The Feeling by Justin Timberlake, Africa by Toto, and Night In Tunisia. The band expects there to be a huge turn out.

The Jazz Band and Orchestra will be playing during this concert as well. They will be performing 6 songs; The Chicken, Blues For Baisey, Groovin' Hard, Birdland, Respect, and The Movement. The Jazz Band has been working hard every morning to make sure that this concert will be the best one of the year!

As the spring concert comes and goes, so will The Band and Jazz Band for the year! Because this is the last concert, it is also Senior Night. The seniors will be seen wearing a nice outfit that isn't black. This night is for all of the band student as well. The dedication from these student is phenomenal. Playing an instrument takes hard work and a lot of dedication. As they get ready for their concert, they want everyone to know that it is free! The more who come, the better! We wish these Hornet Kids good luck at their concert!

## SUMMER DAYS

By Emily Pachoud '18

Summer is the ideal time to take a break from everyday life in Hillsdale County and go on vacation somewhere special. Some people are going somewhere warmer, while others may choose to go somewhere cooler. Some may have a vacation spot that they go to every year, or some may be going somewhere for the first time. Even those who aren't going on vacation may still have plans that are just as exciting. Either way, summer is a time for relaxation and fun.

Freshman Taylor Devenport has plans to go to New Hampshire for a week. "I'm looking forward to seeing all my old friends from 3rd grade," he shared. He will also be going to his old house and to the beach. Besides going to New Hampshire, he said, "I'm going to hang out with Emily Pachoud, my best friend." A fellow freshman, Ethan York, will be going to Florida this summer. He shares his plans, saying, "I'm going to chill at the beaches." He also will be going to Lake Michigan and staying in Grand Haven in a house that his family is renting on the lake.

Junior Josie Miller is travelling all the way to Italy this summer. She tells, "We will be touring Rome and all the beautiful churches around Italy. We're also going to visit Pompeii, Florence, and Venice. I'm told there will be lots of walking everywhere, but it will be totally worth it to see these cities." When asked what she is looking forward to most about the trip, Josie said, "I'm very excited to eat lots of gelato and drink lots of espresso. I'm also excited to tour all the churches that were built so long ago and to see the rest of the architecture around the country." Even if you are not going on a trip as unique as Josie's, summer may be just as fun. Many students agree that just being out of school is exciting enough.

### Important Dates:

**6/1 Senior Class Night**

**6/4 Graduation**

**6/14 Last Day of School**

## THE BPA NLC EXPERIENCE

By Alexis Higgins '17

Have you ever wondered what it's like to attend the Business Professionals of America National Leadership Conference? If so, you've definitely come to the right place. I've attended the past two national conferences in Boston, MA and Orlando, FL. It's been an experience I'll never forget. From the second you arrive at Detroit Metropolitan Airport, to the second you fall asleep in the hotel room for the last night, there's never a dull moment.

On Wednesday, May 10th, Emma Shrefler '17 and I flew out to Orlando, Florida to attend the BPA NLC. Emma attended the Leadership Academy and I competed in Digital Media Production, and we both were to receive our Ambassador Torches. It was a week full of competitive events and entertaining activities. Besides spending our time at the pool, Emma and I participated in the Service Pooza, a group event that

was designed with everyone in mind. At the palooza, Emma and I learned how to fold a flag, wrote letters to soldiers, tried to navigate our way through a course with beer goggles on, and did a random act of conservation. We spent one of our nights at a beach party with musical guest DJ and Drummer.



The BPA National Leadership Conference is a great place for networking and meeting new friends from around the nation! It's a great opportunity for anyone interested in pursuing a career in the business field. "I had a really great time in Orlando. I thought it was really beneficial and exciting. I encourage anyone in BPA or anyone who wants to join BPA to work hard to experience an event like this," said Emma. It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to make it this far, and I'm extremely lucky to have gotten the chance to be able to do it twice. At the Grand Award Session on Saturday night, many of our Hornet Middle Level BPA students were named as finalists, as well as myself for the second year in a row. I took home 9th place in Digital Media Production.



## STATE CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the HHS Envirothon Team coached by Mr. Chip Patterson. They were crowned "State Champions" on May 19th. Kamren Johnson, Johnston Mackie, Olivia Bambacht, Kristen Miller, Rachel Mitchell, Bridget DeMoor, and Emily Pachoud will be competing at nationals in Maryland this coming July.

## Other Things Worth Mentioning . . .

- Congratulations to Devin VanDusen for breaking a school record and for finishing in first place in all four events at the MITCA Track State Finals.
- Congratulations to Braxten Boyd for finishing in first place in the conference for golf. Shout out to Jake Langston for finishing 6th and also earning first-team honors.
- Good luck to all of the track athletes who will compete individually at the MHSAA State Track Finals in Grand Rapids on June 3.
- Congratulations to the class of 2017 on your graduation. We wish you the very best of luck in your future endeavors. (PS--don't forget to jump on Parchment in June and order your final transcript.)

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