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Summer 2019



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## Flying Arrow Pride

*Lancaster Middle School held its second annual Wellness Day on May 3. Students enjoyed more than a dozen stations, including new additions (The Power of a Positive Attitude) and familiar favorites like Police Fitness (pictured).*

# Ted Jonas provides valuable lesson in perseverance

In case you missed it, Ted Jonas, who once served two in-school suspensions as a Lancaster High School student, returned to share the keynote address at Lancaster High School's 2019 commencement.

Don't let the suspensions fool you: Ted is a good guy. He now lives in Los Angeles and works as an actor. You may have seen him in a Geico commercial belting out

Whitesnake's "Here I Go Again" while riding a motorcycle.

It hasn't always been as easy as that motorcycle ride. Ted once ate nothing but peanut butter on toast because he could afford nothing more, he told the graduates.

Years later, Bryan Cranston praised Ted on the set of "All The Way." From the lows of peanut butter on toast to the highest of highs.

"Find that thing that you love and

take care of it, work on it, whatever it is. Protect it. Make it as good as it can possibly be," Ted advised. "Make yourself as good as you can possibly be, so that no one can deny your talent. We are all from the same little town, but we can become anything that we want to be."

Sound advice for us all.



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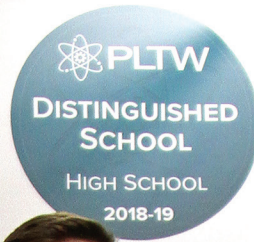
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*Leading the way*

Lancaster High School was  
one of only 64 schools in the U.S.  
to be named a PLTW Distinguished School

BY ROBERT CALLAHAN

Lancaster High School (LHS) has been recognized as a Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Distinguished School for providing broad access to transformative learning opportunities for students through PLTW Computer Science and Engineering. LHS is just one of 64 high schools across the U.S. to receive the honor. PLTW is a non-profit organization that serves millions of pre-kindergarten through 12th grade students and teachers in schools across the U.S.

“Luckily, Mr. Leeser and I went to a meeting in Milwaukee to meet Andy Sarbacker, the director of school engagement for PLTW for schools in Wisconsin,” explained Lancaster High School Technical Education teacher Eric Mumm. “Andy was in a new role and there were some new things coming from the national organization, so we went to that meeting to get some updates. One of the things he told us about was the distinguished district, high school, middle school or elementary school, depending on what programs you are in.

“He went through the criteria and I just started doing the math in my head. I thought, ‘Yeah, I think the high school could probably do this.’ I got back and checked the records and it seemed like it worked out. We filled out the form and gave them that data—plus they check it with their data they have that we submit every year—and found out that we got it.”

The PLTW Distinguished School recognition honors schools committed to increasing student access, engagement, and achievement in their PLTW programs. To be eligible for the designation, Lancaster High School had to meet the following criteria during the 2017-18 school year:

- Offer at least three PLTW courses;
- Have 25 percent of students or more participate in PLTW courses, or of those who participated in PLTW, at least 33 percent took two or more PLTW courses during their high school tenure;
- Have 70 percent of students or more earn a Proficient or higher on PLTW End-of-Course Assessments,

or 10 percent of students earn the AP + PLTW Student Achievement.

“We have three classes in the engineering piece: Introduction to Engineering Design (IED), Principals of Engineering (POE), Civil Engineering Architecture (CEA). We have computer science with Mr. Richard as well, but that is in a different tract,” Mumm said. “For the percentage of students participating in PLTW courses, we got that no problem. We probably have closer to 50 percent.

“The last piece was the one I had to check on. We met that 70 percent. That was the one I was most worried about, but we did really well with that.”

LHS has been a PLTW school since the 2011-2012 school year.



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*Lancaster Middle School students in Andy Richard's Computer Science for Innovators and Makers class created projects to solve problems last semester.*

“It is a rigorous curriculum, it really is,” said Duane Leeser, LHS Technical Education teacher. “We had to go to class at the Milwaukee School of Engineering for two weeks in the summer. For every class we want to teach, it is two weeks of class we have to attend. They teach us in two weeks what we have to teach in a whole year. You talk about rigorous, but it was worth it.”

Through PLTW programs, students develop STEM knowledge as well as in-demand, transportable skills that they will use both in school and for

the rest of their lives, on any career path they take.

“I think we have done a good job of trying to encourage those that are even remotely interested in engineering to take advantage of the classes. I try to push it past that,” Mumm said. “You look at the skills that people list in a job description—things like problem solving, communication, working as a team—those are all engrained in the PLTW curriculum. And it is in many classes.

“Even if I am not going to be an engineer, there is still a lot I can learn. For example, here is a process of working with something start to finish. Here is how I work with other people. Here is how I communicate my re

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Sarah Pross photo

Lancaster Middle School's Christina Buttles (left) and Leah Muench advanced to the final four of the Wisconsin You Be The Chemist Challenge. Muench won the Challenge and Buttles finished third.

# Challenge accepted

## Christina Buttles and Leah Muench flexed their science knowledge at the You Be The Chemist Challenge

By Robert Callahan

**B**elieve it or not, when Lancaster Middle School students Christina Buttles and Leah Muench name their favorite subject, science is not the answer.

Buttles' favorite subject is math. Same for Muench, but science is probably second, she said. Don't let that fool you, their science knowl-

edge is the envy of many.

Muench won the Wisconsin You Be The Chemist Challenge at the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Chamberlin Hall on April 13. Buttles finished third.

Muench, a seventh grader, and Buttles, a sixth grader, took a pre-qualifier test at LMS and advanced to the You Be The Chem-

ist Local Challenge in Fennimore. Muench finished second and Buttles third, which qualified both for the State Challenge (only the top three finishers qualify).

You Be The Chemist is organized locally by Cooperative Educational Service Agency (CESA) No. 3 staff in partnership with gifted and talented coordinators from across CESA



Christine Corell photo

*Leah Muench was one of only 42 participants at the You Be The Chemist National Challenge in Washington, D.C.*

3. The Local Challenge is one of the core activities planned as a part of the Gifted and Talented Network.

Muench and Buttles hit the books outside the school day to prepare for each Challenge.

“We got a booklet that we could read through at the pre-qualifier level and another booklet for state and I got another one for nationals,” Muench said. “It is almost like a science textbook that has information that you might be quizzed on in the Challenge.”

“You need to read them in order because they feed off of each other. And each one is like 90 pages,” Buttles added. “They focus mostly on radiation, electron configuration and chemical reactions and chemical formulas.”

What happens at the Challenge?

“We have these clicker-things, where you can click A, B, C, or D,” Muench explained. “So they have a question and you have 10 seconds to answer. You click what your answer is. There are separate rounds, and the top-however many people in each round go on.”

“At the State Challenge, it went from like 30 people to the final four,” Buttles noted. “That is how fast it goes.”

A tiebreaker separated Muench and Buttles in the final four of the State Challenge before Muench went on to win.

Sarah Pross teaches sixth grade science (chemistry), at LMS.

“This was an awesome accomplishment for Leah and Christina, and they did it all pretty much on their own,” Pross said. “We only teach chemistry in sixth grade, so Leah had to use what she had learned in the textbook in sixth grade, and then just do what she learned from that. Christina pulled from the textbook and a lot of independent stuff that we gave her. It was awesome.”

Muench and Buttles did not expect to fare as well as they did at the Challenge.

“Going into the competition I didn’t think I was going to do this well,” Muench said. “I did not expect it.”

“I thought I would be eliminated in the first round,” Buttles admitted. “I had so much adrenaline, I can’t even remember most of it.”

Christine Corell teaches earth science at LMS and assisted Muench along the way.

“Leah wrote down things that she didn’t understand after reviewing her booklet and we went over those concepts,” Corell said. “We also went through some things that I read in the booklets that I thought she might need some help with.

“Some of the concepts that she had to read about and get questions about were concepts that I

don’t even teach my Chemistry II class. She had to understand how to name organic molecules and calculate specific heat values from data without the use of a calculator.”

The You Be The Chemist Challenge began with more than 60,000 students nationwide and ended with 42 participants at the National Challenge, held June 17 in Washington, D.C. Muench was one of just eight females to compete at the National Challenge.

“The National Challenge was very intimidating. The rules were strict. Leah wasn’t even allowed to touch the clipboard under her seat on stage until given the OK to do so,” Corell said. “There were cameras and people watching the audience and teachers, like myself, to make sure that we weren’t giving answers or signals of any kind. I sat on my hands because I was so nervous!”

Muench bowed out following the third round at the National Challenge. Only 15 participants remained following the third round.

“I know that this competition has opened up Leah’s eyes as to the excitement and possibilities of a career in science,” Corell said. “Leah is so amazingly bright that the sky is the limit for her. We have our sights on her winning the competition next year. I cannot even begin to tell you how proud of her that I am, and I can’t imagine how her parents feel.”



Robert Callahan photo

*Donna Beyer (left) was featured on Madison's WMTV NBC 15 in May. Beyer has served as a custodian at Winskill Elementary School since 1972.*

# Fanfare for Donna

**Donna Beyer, a.k.a. 'grandma,'  
was celebrated by NBC 15 for her nearly  
50 years at Winskill Elementary**

**BY ROBERT CALLAHAN**

**D**onna Beyer has spent the majority of her life helping keep Winskill Elementary School spotless. This spring, she received her well-due recognition for it.

Beyer, an exceptional custodian, was featured on Madison's WMTV NBC 15 in May. Tim Elliott spent the morning with Beyer and produced a feature aired during the NBC 15 news at 10 p.m. on May 14.

Beyer, affectionately known as "grandma" to Winskill students, graduated from Lancaster High

School in 1972 and soon after began cleaning houses. A part-time custodial job at Winskill Elementary advertised in The Shopping News caught her mother's eye that November.

"She said, 'Hey, do you want a part-time job?'" Beyer told Elliott. "I said, 'Sure.' I looked at the paper and then I got on the phone and called up the school and asked them if they had the opening. They said yes and said, 'Well, why don't you come up today?'"

"So I came up the same day and then I filled out my application and

they said, 'You are hired, because you can go to work right today.' I said, 'OK.' Dale Moore, he was one of the janitors, he trained me and I have been here ever since then."

Beyer's first task on the job was cleaning a boys bathroom. From Winskill Elementary principals Tom Davies to Jamie Nutter to Brad Sturmer, she has proudly served ever since.

"Well, I do a lot of different things and stuff and that, but the most important thing is when I come to work I see all these little kids' faces

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# STEAM NIGHT

Winskill Elementary School hosted its second annual STEAM Night on Tuesday, April 9. More than 200 attendees celebrated Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math.



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*More than 80 bicycle helmets were distributed to Winskill Elementary School and St. Clement School third graders in celebration of Bicycle Safety Days. The purchase of the helmets was made possible thanks to a Lancaster Community Fund grant.*

# The tradition of giving rolls on

**BY ROBERT CALLAHAN**

**T**hird grade students at Winskill Elementary School and St. Clement School celebrated Bicycle Safety Days this spring with brand new bicycle helmets thanks to a Lancaster Community Fund grant.

The tradition began more than 10 years ago, believes Lancaster Community Fund Advisory Board chairperson Joseph Krantz.

“We have granted a lot of bike helmets,” he said.

More than 80 bicycle helmets were distributed in April.

“We are lucky to receive 10 more helmets than the number of students we have,” Winskill Elementary School physical education teacher Sarah Williams said. “If we have students transfer into the school district in fourth or fifth grade, then they can have a helmet too.”

Williams applies for a grant each school year. The grants are made possible thanks to the Schacht Family Endowment.

“How this started was, my hus-



Sarah Williams photo

*St. Clement School third graders (pictured) and Winskill Elementary School third graders have received bicycle helmets thanks to the Lancaster Community Fund for more than 10 years. Winskill Elementary physical education teacher Sarah Williams applies for a grant each school year.*

band and his family were all born and raised in Lancaster,” said Robin Schacht. “When their parents both passed away within a year of each other, with the memorial money they wanted to start a family fund within the Lancaster Community Fund, because it was very import-

ant to them to give back to Lancaster.

“Lancaster has been awfully good to their family over the years, so they wanted to give back and this was the way they were going to give

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# WINSKILL 5K FUN RUN

The annual Winskill Elementary 5K Fun Run was held on Wednesday, May 15 at Winskill Elementary School. More than \$2,000 was raised! Winskill's Fuel Up to Play 60 Student Ambassadors helped organize and facilitate the event.



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# Lydia Murphy earns WIAA Scholar Athlete Award

Lancaster senior is the eighth Flying Arrow to receive the honor

Lancaster High School's Lydia Murphy was one of 32 seniors from Brule to Janesville selected as finalists to receive the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association's (WIAA) prestigious 2019 WIAA Statewide Scholar Athlete Award underwritten by Marshfield Children's Hospital. More than 1,000 Scholar Athlete finalists, including 16 senior girls and 16 senior boys in 2019, have been recognized since the program began in 1984.

"I was really surprised, honestly," Murphy said of her selection. "There are a lot of people that apply for that, a lot of really talented athletes and good students. I just figured it was something I was just kind of filling out. When I learned I had been selected I was like, 'Oh wow, this actually happened.'"

Murphy is the eighth WIAA Scholar Athlete Finalist from Lancaster High School. In addition to her 3.99 GPA, she had earned 11 varsity letters in cross country, basketball, soccer, and track and field prior to the conclusion of the 2019 spring sports season. A member of Lancaster's 2018 state champion cross country team, Murphy was an all-conference first team selection in cross country four years and soccer the



David Murphy photo

Lancaster's Lydia Murphy (right) was named a 2019 WIAA Scholar Athlete this spring. In addition to her 3.99 GPA, Murphy had earned 11 varsity letters in cross country, basketball, soccer and track and field prior to the conclusion of the spring sports season. She is pictured with Lancaster cross country coach Taylor Reynolds.

last three years. She was also named team MVP in cross country four years and soccer one year. Murphy is also an all-state musician.

How does she balance it all?

"I definitely have my late nights, but I don't know, I think I have become use to being busy, I guess, since I have always tried to participate in as much as possible," Murphy said. "I just focus on doing my best in everything. Yeah, there has been some stress and some late nights, but I mean overall, it has been pretty good."

To determine the top 32 finalists, four boys and four girls were selected (based on both athletic and academic achievement) from each of four WIAA divisions.

"These extraordinary student athletes excel in both academics and athletics," said Tom Shafranski, Assistant Director of the WIAA. "Seventeen of this year's 32 WIAA Scholar Athlete finalists have a grade point average of 4.0 to date, while the average GPA is an amazing 3.95. All 32 scholar athlete finalists have already earned a total of 295 varsity letters during their first

3-1/2 years of high school. That's an average of 9 letters per athlete, and we have not yet completed our spring sports season."

This year 823 seniors were nominated for the 2019 WIAA Scholar Athlete Award by 417 high schools throughout the state.

Murphy admits she couldn't achieve an honor such as the Scholar Athlete Award without encouragement along the way.

"My parents have always given me good advice. They are always

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## WINSKILL ELEMENTARY KINDERGARTEN CIRCUS

The 54th annual Winskill Elementary Kindergarten Circus entertained an audience of family and friends on Friday, May 24 at Lancaster High School's Hillery Auditorium. The very first Kindergarten Circus was organized by Mrs. Joan Wilcox in 1965. Kindergarten classrooms were home to the Circus for many years before a move to the Presentation Room and later the Auditorium.



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## Art history; Fuller retires after 28 years in Lancaster Community Schools

Gloria Fuller has stepped away from the easel after nearly three decades teaching art in Lancaster Community Schools.

“This decision was extremely difficult for me. Mainly, because teaching art for 36 1/2 years has been interwoven into the tapestry of my life,” Fuller wrote in her retirement letter. “And also because of the extremely difficult task of saying goodbye to students and staff, because of my sincere love for everyone.”

“I want to thank the Board, administration, teacher aides, custodians, cooks, bus drivers and all of my colleagues—current and retired—for their wonderful support, kindness and friendship throughout my teaching career of 28 years in

Lancaster. Words cannot begin to express my gratitude for each of you. Thank you so much for being such a very meaningful part of my life.”

In addition to teaching classes at Lancaster High School and Lancaster Middle School, Fuller served as High School Art Club advisor for 28 years. She coordinated the holiday craft sale for 27 years, was junior class advisor and chief prom advisor (20 years), co-chief prom advisor (three years), Middle School Art Club advisor (one year), Arrow Academy instructor (one year) and even a junior varsity girls volleyball coach for one year.

“I’ve been truly blessed with a lifetime of wonderful hugs, jokes, teasing, warm memories and a rare, once-in-a-genera-



Robert Callahan photo

Gloria Fuller shared a farewell address with a Lancaster Middle School art class on June 4. Fuller has retired after 28 years as a Lancaster Community Schools art teacher.

tion ‘Polar Vortex’ of snow days to keep me smiling forever,” she wrote. “I have enjoyed teaching students the ‘love of art and the love of learning.’ Our students are so talented! I’ve tried my best to encourage their talents and bring out their true potentials. I would also like to thank

the parents and the community for their incredible support as well.

“To summarize my final thoughts I will quote Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., “...just go.” And so, that’s what I plan to do. My dreams of traveling will finally become a reality!”

## Lancaster Middle School earned highest mark on DPI School Report Card



Lancaster Middle School earned a grade of “Significantly Exceeds Expectations” per the 2017-2018 Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction’s School Report Card. Schools earning a score higher than 83 are awarded the designation. Members of the Middle School team gathered for a photo opportunity with a banner that hangs in the school.

Robert Callahan photo

# Knotwell shoots perfect score to win Clay Target League State Tournament

Lancaster High School's Hunter Knotwell took top honors at the Wisconsin State High School Clay Target League State Tournament in Rome, Wis., on Saturday, June 8.

Knotwell recorded a perfect score, 100, in the high gun - varsity - male competition. He was the only competitor to hit 100 consecutive targets.

"I have never seen [Hunter] smile as much as after that last round," coach Brian Gardner said. "It was a great experience."



Lancaster High School's Hunter Knotwell won the Wisconsin State High School Clay Target League State Tournament. He was the lone competitor to achieve a perfect score.

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## Leading the way

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sults. Here is how I failed, and I have to start back over or re-think my steps. I have to fit a project within these parameters and follow those guidelines. I think that is what is crucial."

What was Mumm's reaction to the good news?

"Initially, it was, 'Oh cool, we did get it. I had completely forgot about it,' because it had been months since I had submitted the form," he said. "When I was submitting it, I was pretty sure it was going to fly. Surprised? Not necessarily the right word there, but just excited to be able to share that. We love to share our story here for tech ed and engineering. This is just another way we can do that.

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"It is another thing as a district we can say, 'Hey, look at this.' It is a feather in our cap, so to speak. That is what I was excited about, is the fact this is something that we can share and promote. And I was proud of our kids too. That was the other reaction I had: just proud of our kids."

Computer science and engineering is offered at Lancaster Middle School, and the launch program at Winskill Elementary School.

"I just think Project Lead The Way—we have a lot of good things here at LHS, so I don't want to push it any more than anything else—is one of those things where we have received national recognition, and I think we do a pretty good job of delivering that curriculum, and we have kids that care and do a good job and are excited about engineering. You put those three things together and you get awards like this."

## The tradition of giving

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back. My husband is an avid biker, so that is why we have the bike hel-

ments."

In addition to riding time and an obstacle course, Bicycle Safety Days include a bicycle safety discussion with Lancaster Chief of Police Deb Reukauf.

"I think it is great," Williams said of the grant opportunity. "If we didn't have this, we wouldn't have these helmets. I know our budget wouldn't be able to afford what it costs to buy all these helmets."

## Fanfare for Donna

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and the teachers," Beyer said. "That is what makes my job go, every day."

A familiar face for the past 23 years has been that of kindergarten teacher Brenda Mezera.

"I think Winskill is just lucky to have someone like Donna, that cares that much and takes such pride in her work," Mezera said. "I feel like working that many years, in dedication to one job, and it has probably become more than a job. Let's face it, it is not the most glorifying job or occupation. It would take such drive and determination, and she never complains.

"Donna has cleaned my room for a lot of years. She takes a lot of pride in that. She doesn't mind it. She is amazing. I feel like we are blessed to have her here and be part of our family to take care of us and take care of our kids."

Sturmer, who is entering his second year as Winskill Elementary

principal, is thankful for Beyer's kindness.

"Kids really enjoy Donna because her presence is like having a grandmother walking in the hallways. Everybody loves their grandma. It is nice to have that presence in the hallway for kids," he said. "Be-

yond that kindness is her loyalty to the Lancaster school district and community. How many people do you know that have worked for any place for 48-plus years?"

What has been the most difficult of Beyer's duties at Winskill Elementary?

"It is scrubbing floors and stuff like that," she said. "Every day you have something different you have to do, but that would be probably the hardest."

Almost half a century can go by fast.

"Oh my goodness, yes. The years just went zooming," Beyer said. "I can't believe that I have that many years already. I don't know where they went to."

Beyer knew long ago Winskill Elementary would be her home away from home for years to come.

"Somebody asked me a long time ago, 'Would you ever give your job up?,' Beyer recalled. "I said, 'No, I don't want to give my job up. I love my job. I love working with the students and I love working with the teachers.'"



Brenda Mezera photo

*Donna Beyer began her career at Winskill Elementary School the same day she interviewed in November 1972.*

## Scholar Athlete

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pushing me to do better, helping me out, bringing me stuff when I forget it and making my schedule work out," she said. "The teachers and the coaches, always working things out so I can be involved

in everything. Teachers, of course, are helping me be my best in school. The coaches are helping me improve in my sports. That really helps.

"It wouldn't be possible to achieve that award without my teachers, coaches, parents and friends. Everyone, really."

The 2019 WIAA Scholar

Athlete Finalists, as well as their families and school representatives, were recognized at an awards ceremony Sunday, May 5 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Wausau.

Each 2019 WIAA Scholar Athlete Finalist received a medallion and certificate, and took with them a special plaque for

display in their school's trophy case. Keynote speaker was Lance Allan, main sports anchor at Milwaukee's WTMJ-TV and co-host of Packers Live.

*Lancaster Community Schools Communications Director Robert Callahan contributed to this report.*



# FLYING ARROW SCOREBOARD

*A look back at what was the year in sports in Lancaster Community Schools:*

The Lancaster football team finished third in the Southwest Wisconsin Conference (3-2) before a memorable postseason run that concluded in Level 4. The Flying Arrows defeated Brookwood, Darlington and Fennimore in the WIAA playoffs before falling to Racine Lutheran. **Troy Klein** was named SWC co-Defensive Player of the Year. Klein, an inside linebacker, defensive end **Caden Straka**, outside linebacker **Damian Kauffman** and defensive back **Cole Kreul** were named to the SWC All-Conference first team defense. **Tanner Oyen** earned a spot on the first-team offense for his work as an offensive lineman and kicker. Defensive lineman **Ian Martin** and defensive end **Ryan Gallinger** earned second team defense nods. Running back **Corey Hahn**, and offensive linemen **Joseph Recker** and **Andy Hugill** were named to the second team offense. **Hayden Knapp**, **Dawson Bowen** and **Cole Zenz** earned honorable mention accolades.

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The Lancaster volleyball team played to a 6-19 mark overall and 0-10 record in the SWC in 2018.

Katie Martin and Abbi Martin earned All-Conference honorable mention status. Katie Martin tallied a team-high 170 digs in 10 conference matches. Abbi Martin dished out a team-high 210 assists.

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The Platteville/Lancaster boys soccer team won the SWC with an 8-0 record. The Hillmen scored 33 goals in conference and allowed just three. After a 13-1-1 regular season, Platteville/Lancaster topped Whitewater in a WIAA Division 3 regional semifinal before falling to Belleville/New Glarus in a regional final. Defender **Everett LaBudda** was named co-SWC Player of the Year and was an All-Conference first team pick. **Aaron Murphy** was voted to the All-Conference second team and forward **Isaac Oyen** was named to the honorable mention squad.

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The Lancaster girls golf team finished third at the SWC conference meet. **Lindsey Wolf** was named the conference's MVP. Her nine-hole conference average was 46.08, best in the SWC. Wolf also earned first team All-Conference honors. The Flying Arrows finished seventh at the WIAA Division 2 Prairie du Chien regional. Wolf finished eighth in the 44-person field and qualified for the Edgewood

sectional, where she finished tied for 29th.

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The Lancaster girls cross country team won the SWC conference championship meet and the Lancaster boys finished fourth. **Lydia Murphy**, **Bridee Burks** and **Anna Murphy** finished in the top seven and earned All-Conference first team recognition. **Hanna Cohen** and **Cristalyn Mish** earned All-Conference second team honors. The Lancaster girls added a regional title, sectional title and state championship to cap off their most successful season ever.

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The Platteville/Lancaster girls swimming team finished seventh at the Southern Lakes conference championship meet. **Brooklyn VanNatta** qualified for the WIAA Division 2 state championships in the 50-yard freestyle, where she finished 14th.

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The Lancaster boys basketball team finished 6-16 overall and 2-8 in the SWC in 2018-2019. The Flying Arrows bowed out of the postseason with a regional quarterfinal loss to La Crosse Aquinas. **Dawson Bowen** was named to the All-Conference second team and **Hayden Knapp** earned honorable mention status.

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The Lancaster girls bas-

ketball team won eight of its last 10 regular season games and defeated Cuba City in a WIAA Division 4 regional semifinal. The Flying Arrows (15-8, 5-5) fell to eventual state champion La Crosse Aquinas in a regional championship game. **Lydia Murphy** earned All-Conference first team accolades and **Devin Wagner** was named to the second team.

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The Platteville/Belmont/Lancaster gymnastics team finished second in the final SWC standings, going 3-1 in dual meets. The Hillmen qualified for the WIAA Division 2 state championships with a second place finish at the Platteville sectional. Lancaster's **Brooklyn VanNatta** also qualified individually in the vault. The Hillmen finished ninth and VanNatta tied for 23rd. **Lindsey Wolf** earned All-Conference second team accolades in the beam and floor exercise. She also received honorable mention in the vault and all-around. VanNatta earned second-team honors in the bar, vault and all-around. **Hailey Doyle** earned honorable mention status in the balance beam.

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The Lancaster wrestling team won the 2018-2019

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# FLYING ARROW SCOREBOARD

## Scoreboard

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SWC title by defeating Prairie du Chien in the season finale. **Remington Bontreger**, **Owen Wolf** and **Caden Straka** won WIAA Division 3 regional championships. Bontreger, Straka and **Troy Klein** added sectional titles to their resume, while **Carter Lull** and **Dustin Wolf** joined them at the WIAA individual championships. Bontreger, Klein and Straka each finished second at the individual championships. Three Flying Arrows earned All-Conference first-team honors: Bontreger (106 lbs.), **Caleb Lucey** (113 lbs.) and **Cole Zenz** (220 lbs.). **Michael Ihm** (106 lbs.), **Carter Lull** (113 lbs.), **Matthew Crosby** (132 lbs.), **Owen Wolf** (160 lbs.), **Klein** (182 lbs.) and **Straka** (195 lbs.) earned second-team accolades. **Dustin Tydrich** (126 lbs.), **Isaac Oyen** (138 lbs.), **Logan Schneider** (145 lbs.), **Collin Lull** (152 lbs.), **Morgan Seippel** (170 lbs.) and **Ben Withey** (285 lbs.) garnered honorable mention status. Lancaster head coach **Brad Sturmer** was named SWC Coach of the Year.

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The Platteville/Lancaster boys swimming team finished 2-5 in Southern Lakes dual meets and

2-6 overall before placing sixth at the Southern Lakes conference championship. The Hillmen placed 11th at the WIAA Division 2 Baraboo sectional.

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The Lancaster softball team finished 4-6 in the SWC and 11-13 overall. The Flying Arrows upset **Juda/Albany** in a WIAA Division 4 regional semifinal before falling to top-seed **Wisconsin Heights** in a regional final. Infielder **Brooklyn Connelly**, who led the team with a .520 batting average, earned All-Conference first-team honors. Infielder **Ryhan Luckey** and catcher **Caitlynn Hahn** were voted All-Conference honorable mention.

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The Platteville/Lancaster girls soccer team was far and away the best the SWC had to offer in 2019, rolling to a 10-0 record in conference play. The Hillmen finished 13-5-2 overall. Platteville/Lancaster outlasted **Mauston** in a WIAA Division 3 regional semifinal before falling to **Belleville/New Glarus** in a regional championship. **Lydia Murphy** was named SWC Player of the Year for the second consecutive season. She also earned All-Conference first-team accolades. **Anna Murphy** was named to the All-Conference second team.

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The Lancaster baseball team finished 2-8 in the SWC and 6-14 overall in 2019. The Flying Arrows tested **Fennimore** in a WIAA Division 3 regional quarterfinal before falling. Infielder **Caden Straka** was named to the All-Conference first team, as was shortstop and pitcher **Dawson Bowen**. Pitcher **Hayden Knapp** earned a honorable mention nod, along with first baseman and catcher **Cole Zenz**.

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The Lancaster boys golf team finished third at the SWC championships. **Noah Kirsch** earned All-Conference first team recognition and **Isaac Farrey** played his way onto the All-Conference second team. The Flying Arrows finished fourth at the WIAA Division 3 Mineral Point regional and tied for eighth at the **Abundant Life/Madison Country Day** sectional. **Kirsch** qualified for the state championships with a fifth place finish at the sectional, where he won a three-person playoff. He then posted a top-20 finish at the state championships.

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The Lancaster track and field team won a WIAA Division 3 boys regional championship en route to the track and field championships in **La Crosse**.

The girls squad finished second. Qualifying for the track and field championships were Lancaster's girls 4x800-meter relay (**Bridee Burks**, **Kristin Muench**, **Madison Clauer**, **Hanna Cohen**, and alternates **Finley Knapp** and **Cora Reuter**), girls 4x200-meter relay (**Crystalyn Mish**, **Tatiana Place**, **Devin Wagner**, **Bridee Burks**, and alternates **Hailey Timmerman** and **Kiley Kelly**), and the boys 4x400-meter relay (**Aaron Murphy**, **Isaac Oyen**, **Hayden Wagner**, **Morgan Seippel**, and alternates **Zach Mendis** and **Everett LaBudda**). **Mish** also qualified in the 200-meter dash and **Devin Wagner** also qualified in the long jump. **Weston Pink** qualified in the triple jump and **Preston Noethe** qualified in the high jump. **Pink** finished fourth in the triple jump (42' 11"). **Devin Wagner** finished sixth in the long jump (16' 10"). **Noethe** cleared 6' in the high jump and finished 16th. **Mish** competed in the 200-meter dash preliminaries. The boys 4x400-meter relay team finished fifth. The girls 4x200-meter relay team qualified for the final (1:47.31) and finished ninth (1:49.00). The girls 4x800-meter relay team finished eighth (10:06.08).

CONGRATULATIONS,  
LANCASTER HIGH SCHOOL

# Class of 2019



*"Our society constantly pushes for perfection and it has given mistakes a negative connotation. We have to constantly look the best, get the best grades, have the best job, make the most money; however, none of this is true. It's OK if things don't always go as planned. We must understand that we are all flawed and that things will go wrong. Although they may cause complete and utter embarrassment, mistakes are crucial to our success. Now, I'm not saying that we should be trying to do things wrong or should be settling for anything less than our best. We should be aiming to achieve our goals and surpass expectations. However, when something does go wrong, we can't let it submerge us in embarrassment and shame. Instead, we need to bounce back and make a change. Mistakes are the greatest lessons we can receive."*

Lydia Murphy, 2019 LHS Salutatorian

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**See you in September!**

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