

# ***Tolland High School Weekly Bulletin***

## ***3-5-18***

### ***SUPERINTENDENT'S AWARD 2017-2018***

On Wednesday, February 28, two Tolland High School seniors received an award from the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents (CAPSS). Sarah Gorman and Lucas Knight-Vezina were recognized for their academic achievement, leadership in the school community, and commitment to service. Sarah and Lucas were honored at a ceremony held at RHAM High School along with several other students from surrounding school districts.



*Seniors Sarah Gorman and Lucas Knight-Vezina pose for a shot after receiving the Superintendent's Award for Tolland High School.*

The following write-ups appeared in the evening's program:

**Sarah Gorman** has been a role model for other students in demonstrating outstanding leadership skills and exceptional personal character within our school and local community. As a Class Secretary since her sophomore year, Sarah has gone above and beyond in taking on additional responsibilities in leading the Junior/Senior Prom Committee last year. Through extensive involvement in our school's DECA chapter since her freshman year, Sarah has developed her true passion for business. Due to her high level of involvement in our school community service project, Feeding Children Everywhere, Sarah was named as the club's Rookie of the Year. Over the last two years, she has continued to be an active participant in our Operation Gratitude and American Cancer Society Relay for Life service projects. In her junior year, Sarah served as a DECA Executive Board member in being named Vice President of our chapter.

In playing girls varsity soccer team since her freshman year, Sarah was recognized in her junior year as an all-conference player. She was also selected as the recipient of the 2016 Grit Award and named team captain for her senior season. Sarah's has also been one of our WTHS Morning News Live Stream anchors the past three years. Her strong desire to lead and help others reaches beyond our school building walls. Through our town's TOPS Soccer program, Sarah volunteers to work with young athletes with mental and physical disabilities. She also gives her time to coach young athletes at the Eagle Soccer School.

Sarah works extremely hard to earn high academic marks in both Honors and AP courses. Due to her strong academic performance, leadership within the school community, service to others, and high level of character, Sarah was inducted into the Mark Twain Chapter of the National Honor Society last year. Sarah earned academic achievement awards in Introduction to Business and Economics classes in her freshman and sophomore year, respectively. Given her involvement in DECA and her success in business courses, it is no surprise she plans to pursue a post-secondary degree in business.

**Lucas Knight-Vezina** is a committed and serious student who challenges himself in taking rigorous courses and consistently maintaining very good grades. Teachers and peers all share how Lucas is an outstanding student committed to truly making difference in the lives of everyone in his school, family and community. He is young man of character, passion, and hard work. Most of all, Lucas is genuine, concerned for others, easy to relate to, consistent and modest. Everyone respects and likes him for who he is.

Within the school community, Lucas demonstrates his leadership skills in a variety of ways. As an active member of our Student Council since his freshmen year, he was

elected by his peers as President the past two years. He has organized our Annual Food Drive, Spirit Week, Pep Rally, and Homecoming Dance. Along with other members of Student Council, Lucas provides assistance at all our Open House events. In addition, he has served as his Class President for the past three years and leading the Junior/Senior Prom Committee last year. In his senior year, Lucas has taken on additional responsibilities in leading the Yearbook Committee and acting as the Co-Editor of the Tolland High School Yearbook. In all of these leadership roles, Lucas has demonstrated a unique ability to listen to others and organize individuals to accomplish group goals.

What sets Lucas apart from his peers is his willingness to help others and give back to his local community in order to make a difference. He is extremely involved with the TOPS Soccer Club as a volunteer and mentor. He has been inspired by both the young athletes he works with who have physical and mental disabilities as well as his English teachers. For this reason, he has expressed a sincere interest in majoring in Secondary Education and becoming a high school English teacher after graduate school.

## **SPORTS NEWS**

Congratulations to brothers **Ryan (Grade 12) and Michael Angers** (Grade 11) for their outstanding performance at the 2018 CIAC State Open Wrestling Championships which was held on February 23 and 24 at the Floyd Little Athletic Center (Hillhouse HS) in New Haven. Ryan won the State Championship in the 138 pound division by defeating Tyler Sung of New Canaan 7-2. His brother Michael lost a nail biter match (3-4) in the 160 pound division to Izaake Zuckerman of Fairfield Warde. Both boys will compete in the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual New England Interscholastic Wrestling Championships on Friday, March 2 and Saturday, March 3 at the Providence Career and Technical Academy in Providence, Rhode Island. Congratulations and best of luck!

## **THS DECA IN-HOUSE BUSINESS COMPETITION**



It was a great night for Tolland High School DECA! On Tuesday, February 27, THS DECA hosted its first in-house business competition to help prepare students to successfully compete at the Connecticut DECA state competition on Tuesday March 6<sup>th</sup>. Students, Emily Bliss and Allyse Ernest (co-chairs of the event), did an incredible job planning and organizing the event to simulate the state competitive environment.

Students had 15 minutes to review a business case scenario, plan their strategy, and then step in front of a judge to pitch their creative ideas to solve the problem at hand. Over 60 students participated in 8 different categories with 9 area business professionals acting as the judges. Congratulations to our winners:

Principles of Business Management:

Nick Harmon

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| Principles of Marketing:            | Bryan Kelly                         |
| Hotel and Lodging Management:       | Sarah Lateer                        |
| Marketing Communications:           | Sierra DeCarli                      |
| Sports and Entertainment Marketing: | Jimmy Grady                         |
| Entrepreneurship Team:              | Danyah Shaikh and Makayla Marandino |
| Hospitality Team:                   | Sarah Gorman and Jayden Regisford   |
| Marketing Communications Team:      | Ryan Angers and Ryan Greenberg      |

A big thank you goes out to our local business professionals who volunteered their time to work with and inspire our students.

*Kathy Bailey*

*Johnson and Wales University*

*Margie Coupe*

*Johnson and Wales University*

*Taylor Daly*

*Barrett Daly Real Estate group*

*Molly Devaney*

*Highland Park Market*

*Christine Monaco DiMauro*

*Monaco Ford*

*Richard Dorval*

*Mens Wearhouse*

*Rob Magao*

*Manchester Brazilian Jiu-jitsu*

*Allison Pagliughi*

*Silent Partner Marketing*

*Kyle Reyes*

*Silent Partner Marketing*



*Junior Allyse Ernest and Sophomore Emily Bliss (pictured left to right) compete at the recent DECA In-House competition held at Tolland High School on Tuesday, February 27.*

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### **IMPORTANT DATES**

March 5 - Parent Advisory Council - 7:30 a.m. - Main Office Conference Room  
March 9 - School Musical - 7:00 p.m. - Auditorium  
March 10 - School Musical - 2:00 p.m. - Auditorium  
March 11 - Daylight Savings  
March 11 - School Musical (Snow Date) - 2:00 p.m. - Auditorium  
March 12 - Baseball Conditioning Begins  
March 12-14 - Scholarship Phone-A-Thon  
March 17 - All other spring sports begin

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### **SCHOOL COUNSELING: IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SENIORS**

Please make sure you check Family Connection regularly for scholarships which become available daily. Scholarships come in on a regular basis and will be posted on Family Connection as well as on a list outside the Counseling Office. Most have specific deadlines. Scholarship information is either available on their website, which will be noted, or the application is available in the Counseling Office. Please also report any college decisions you have accepted or denied to either Mrs. Richards or your counselor. For acceptances, you will see signs up in the hallway that you can put a sticker on with your name. When you make the decision where you will be attending, you must also tell Mrs. Richards in order for your final transcript to be sent to the college at the end of the year.

### **BOOSTER CLUB**

The next meeting of the year will be held on Monday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the THS main office conference room. Please join us and learn more about the exciting events planned for the year. If you have any questions, ideas, or comments, please contact Co-Presidents Diane Clokey at [dbclokey@gmail.com](mailto:dbclokey@gmail.com) or Jenn Dineen at [jneccidineen@yahoo.com](mailto:jneccidineen@yahoo.com).

### **END OF 3rd QUARTER**

Due to the snow days, the end of the 3rd marking period is now scheduled for Monday, April 9, 2018.

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