

**Durant Community School District  
2023-2024**

**District:**

- Awarded two (\$50,000) Iowa School Safety Improvement Grants to be used for radios, security cameras and buzzers, doors, etc.)
- Collaborated with the City of Durant and was awarded a COPS Hiring Grant (District receives 75%/City of Durant 25%) to help fund a SRO officer.
- Durant voters passed a series of bond referendum measures that will allocate more than \$13 million towards facility improvements

**FAST K-6 Universal Screening Data:**

<b>Spring 2024</b>	<b>Durant Students</b>	<b>Mississippi Bend AEA</b>	<b>State of Iowa</b>
% of K-6 students @ benchmark in literacy	67%	65%	65%
% of K-6 students @benchmark in math	71%	64%	67%

**ACT Test Offerings:**

- The Durant Community School District provided all 10th grade students the opportunity to take the PreACT in December 2023.
- The Durant Community School District provided all 11th grade students the opportunity to take the ACT Test in March 2024.

**Graduation 2024:**

Number of Scholarships Awarded: 95

% of graduating seniors who earned a Gold Academic D: 34%

% of graduating seniors who earned a Silver Academic D: 24.5%

% of graduating seniors who earned Silver Cord Honors: 30%

**National Postsecondary data:**

Postsecondary Enrollment (within one year of HS Graduation, include most recent (-2019, 2020, 2021 HS Graduates)

Durant Students	State of Iowa
71.4%	61.9%

Class of 2016 -Iowa Public High School graduates that earned a postsecondary degree/award within six years of high school graduation

Durant Students	State of Iowa
70.7%	47.9%

**Student Services Team:**

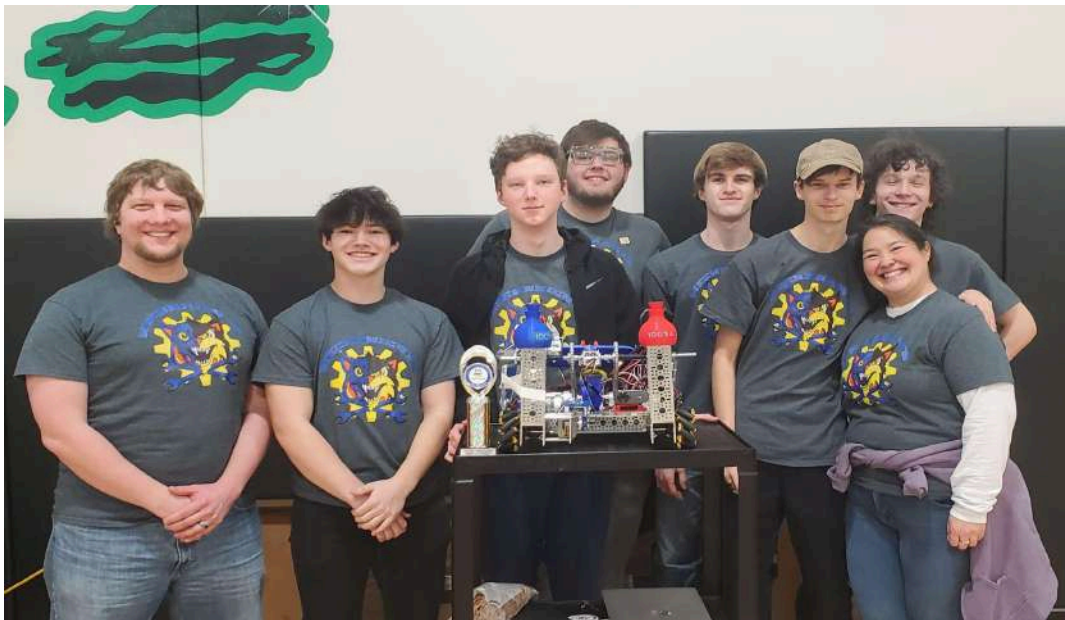
- 5th and 6th Grade Student Council members were awarded a grant and selected to attend a leadership conference through the Illinois Holocaust Museum.
- Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) Program at the Secondary Level
- Providing snacks and meals to food-insecure students and their families.
- Worked on many kindness initiatives for students and staff
- PBIS Reward Grade Level Trips to: Iowa State and Drake Women's Basketball Games, Quad City Storm Hockey, Putnam, Iowa City Children's and Truck Stop Museums and Festival of Trees



(Picture: Elementary PBIS Reward Trip)

## STEM:

- Durant Elementary received a STEM Cart award from the Iowa STEM Scale Up Program
- Durant Jr./Sr. High School was awarded another \$5,000 America's Grow Communities donation from Bayer Fund to be utilized for Science/STEM activities and equipment.
- FTC Robotics team:
  - Made it to the state competition where they competed against other top teams from Iowa and Nebraska
- Four students competed in the MathWorks Math Modeling Competition, dedicating fourteen hours on a Sunday, to model the housing supply and homeless population in various cities for the next 10, 20 and 50 years.



(Picture-Durant Mechanics- 2024 League Competition)

### Student Involvement in Service Projects:

- The newly formed 5th and 6th grade student council raised over \$1,000 for Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital
- High School Student Council and National Honor Society
  - raised \$6,570.75 for the Iowa Donor Network through the Green Out Event
  - Led the Veterans Day Assembly
  - Fall and Spring Blood drives- where there were twenty first time donors and a total of fifty people donated, therefore improving up to one hundred and fifty lives in Cedar County and the surrounding area.
  - Operation Prom
- ACE Mentoring
- Elementary Iowa Youth Straw Poll and Voter Awareness, along with guest speaker- Iowa Secretary of State- Paul D. Pate



(Picture of Check given to the Iowa Donor Network from money raised with Green Out) (Picture of fifth and sixth grade student council members raising money for the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital).

### Media:

- Brought back Battle of the Books for Upper Elementary Grades
- Twelve high school journalism students earned either 1st, 2nd or 3rd place Iowa High School Press Association (IHSPA) Awards.
- Royce Richman was named honorable mention as the Writer of the Year for the Iowa High School Press Association



**Fine Arts:**

- K-6 students took part in the Sheltered Reality Drumming Assembly
- High School Band/Choir trip to Florida where students participated in the “You’re Instrumental Workshop at Disney World.
- Junior High Band/Choir attended “The Blue Man Group” Show in Chicago.
- Twenty seven Jr/Sr High School Students sang in the RVC Honor Choir Festival
- Two students sang at the Dorian Vocal Festival at Luther College
- Twenty one 7th and 8th grade students were selected for Assumption Honor Choir Festival
- The 7th-12th Grade Choir and Drama students gave two public performances of the Fall Variety Show
- The High School Drama Class performed Annie Jr.
- Junior High Choir provided two public performances of Little Mermaid Jr.
- High School Band and Jr/Sr High School Choir performed at the Veteran’s Day and Memorial Day Ceremonies



(Photo of Durant High School Band trip to Florida and participating in the “You’re Instrumental Workshop at Disney World) (Photo of Durant High School Drama- Annie Jr. Performance)

**Athletics:****Soccer:**

- Started a new program- “Durant United” shared with Wilton and competed this year as a JV co-ed team with twenty student participants

**Girl’s Basketball:**

- Isabelle DeLong score her 1000 career point and finished as the school’s third leading scorer

**Bowling:**

- Macyn Huston qualified for the State Bowling Meet

**Wrestling:**

- Lainey Shelangoski qualified for the State Wrestling Tournament and finished in 6th place in her weight division.
- Ava Streeter qualified for the State Wrestling Tournament
- Trey Ramer qualified for the State Wrestling Tournament

**Golf:**

- Lauren Callison set a new school record (18 hole meet with a score of 84)
- Collier Rockow tied the school record (9 hole meet with a score of 34)

**Track:**

- Girls State Track 2A Qualifiers
  - Isabelle Buesing Wheelchair Shot put
  - Kennedy Schumacher -400 meter dash
  - Lainey Shelangoski - 400 meter hurdles
- Boys State Track 2A Qualifiers
  - Charles Huesmann -400 m dash
  - Connor Schwarz- 200 m dash
  - Brady Daufeldt, Bryce Daufeldt, Caden Meyer, Connor Schwarz- 400 m dash
  - Mason Badtram- 400 meter hurdles



(Picture newly formed “Durant United” Soccer)

