This time of year, we recognize many types of success and are very proud of the accomplishments of our students and staff. This newsletter highlights a number of those successes. One of the keys to success is having a good support group. This group can include our family, our friends, our team, our church, our teachers, and our coaches. As we try, fail, try again, and keep on trying until we succeed we all learn the value of hard work and personal sacrifice. One group that has learned this is our seniors who will achieve a major success—a diploma. It is an achievement that will be recognized at graduation. Success comes from inside each of us and is determined by the choices we make. Below are some quotes that focus on success.

“Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other.”—Abraham Lincoln

“Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.”—Winston Churchill

“Success comes from knowing that you did your best to become the best that you are capable of becoming.”—John Wooden

“You can do anything you set your mind to.”—Eminem

“You gotta do what you gotta do to be able to do what you wanna do.”—Rick Ross

—Mike Lowen

**Engineering/Robotics News**

The engineering department at West continues to compete at a high level.

The Combustible Lemons won their second straight trip to the robotics World Championship. Fifteen students that make up this team will travel to Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis for the Super Bowl of robotics April 24th – 27th. The Lemons will compete against 99 other teams from the U.S. plus others from around the world in the 128 team event. The Lemons ended their season with many honors including scoring the 2nd highest match total in the world!

The Real World Design Challenge team (Tuyen Nguyen, Carina Grady, Amber Sawvell, Pardeep Sani, James Larsen, Eli Shellabarger, and Freddy Falcon; left) designed a UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle) to find a missing child. The team won the Iowa State Championship and competed at the National event April 19-22 in Washington D.C. The team also presented their UAV design to local engineers at the Putnam and completed a mockup of their design via a CNC machine.
Destination Imagination

On April 6th, two West High Destination Imagination teams competed in the Destination Imagination State competition in Ames, Iowa. West Team A, comprised of Autumn Huff, C.C. Adamski, Kayla Frost, Jacob Moritz, and Devlen Dailey-Gempis finished 3rd and West Team B (below), comprised of Veronica Augustine, Emma Petri, Ronni Lugo, Nick Misner, and Alex Winfield finished 5th.

The teams were asked to deal with a randomly chosen dramatic change (like there is no moon), incorporate a randomly selected communication technique (like interpretative dance), design props and backgrounds using white T-shirts and washable markers, and develop a slogan from three random nouns and integrate that slogan into their performance. They are given 5 minutes to prepare their performance which can last no longer than five minutes. They also had to solve an ‘instant challenge’ which requires them to develop a solution to a problem that can be architectural, physics based, logic based, or communication based and must be done in 5-8 minutes depending on what kind of problem the students get.

Welcome to West High

Visitors to West High have probably noticed new security procedures when using the main Locust Street entrance. All visitors are greeted by a West High Staff Member, asked to sign in to a visitors log, state their reason for coming to West High, and wear a visitors ID badge. School district employees from a building other than West may wear their district ID badges while in the building.

The Davenport Community School District and each school are being proactive in assuring the safety of students during the school day. Also, by having a friendly face greeting every visitor and assisting them to their destination in the building, the public will feel welcome at WHS.

If you have any questions about the welcome procedures, feel free to contact Mr. Lawler. Thank you for your cooperation with our procedures, and as always, Welcome to West High.

UNI Campus Visit

On April 18, members of the WHS Future Educators Club, Quad City Scholars, and the Business Academy ventured to Cedar Falls, Iowa to visit the campus of the University of Northern Iowa. Two busloads of students from North and Central were also a part of our group.

In all, 40 WHS students made the trip, accompanied by Mr. Price and Mr. Combs. While on campus, students were given an overview of the requirements to be accepted at UNI, met with admissions representatives and student ambassadors, took a campus tour, and had a delicious lunch in a campus dining center.

While the weather was chilly and rainy, it didn’t dampen the spirits of the students. In fact, the admissions representative commented that the questions asked by our students were fantastic, and that she rated our group as one of the most outstanding groups UNI has hosted!

WHS Graduation Ceremony
Sunday, June 2, 2013
iWireless Center, Moline
2:30 p.m.

U of I Research Study Invitation

Children and teenagers ages 6-18 years old are invited to participate in a research study of normal brain development. Eligible participants have not been treated for learning or attention disorders and are the children of parents who have completed 14 years of schooling or less.

Participants will be asked to make one visit to the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics to complete cognitive and behavioral testing and a brain scan using Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI). The visit lasts about 6-8 hours. Participants are paid for their time and effort. Travel is arranged and paid for by the study. For more information, please call Carrie Kimpton-Heald at (319) 353-8537 or email kids-hd@uiowa.edu.

The West High Way
Summer School 2013

Has your student failed a core class? If the answer is yes, please remember Davenport Schools is again offering Summer School for Credit Recovery. Summer school courses are completed using APEX online credit recovery. This means that in addition to completing work at school, you can also work on these courses anywhere you have an internet connection.

Please check with your counselor to see if a class you failed is available in Summer School. This is a great way to catch up on credits before next school year. There is no cost for these classes, and you may able to complete more than one course during the summer. Summer School spots are filling up quickly, so again please check with your counselor, it’s the only way to get registered.

Summer School will be held at West High School starting on June 3rd, and run through July 12th. Class sessions will be from 8 a.m.-10 a.m., or 10 a.m.-noon Monday through Friday with no classes the week of June 24 and also on July 4. Daily attendance is required!

Winter Sports Recognition

Congratulations to the members of the West High Girls Bowling team for their 3rd Place finish at the Iowa State Bowling Tournament in Des Moines. The Falcons 3023 score was paced by 7th Place finisher Lindsey Entsminger (446), 13th place Anna Hedges (431), and 20th place Hallie Lucero (403). Other team members included Tanner Werthmann, Cortney Lorenz, and Hayley Hayes.

Many other Falcon teams had individuals recognized for their accomplishments:

Girls Bowling—Cortney Lorenz, 1st Team All MAC and 1st Team All Metro; Hallie Lucero, 1st Team All Metro; and Tanner Werthmann, 1st Team All Metro.

Boys Bowling—Spencer Werthmann, MAC Bowler of the Year, 1st Team All MAC, 1st Team All Metro. Spencer also led all high school bowlers in Iowa with a 237.1 average in competition this season! Coach Brian Arnold was also recognized as the MAC co-Coach of the Year.

Girls Basketball—Brooke Garnica and Adaira Madden were both named Honorable Mention All MAC.

Boys Basketball—Jerry Myles, Honorable Mention All MAC and All Metro; Marlon Stewart, Honorable Mention All MAC and All Metro; and Nasir Shabazz, Honorable Mention All MAC.

Wrestling—Zach Blizzard, State Qualifier, 2nd Place District finisher at 113 lbs. and Honorable Mention All Metro; Travis Pulse Honorable Mention All MAC and All Metro; Colton Paustian, Honorable Mention All MAC; and Tyler Lightner, MAC All Academic Team.

The West High Way

“Always render more and better service than is expected of you, no matter what your task may be.”—Og Mandino
### April/May 2013

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SUN</th>
<th>MON</th>
<th>TUES</th>
<th>WED</th>
<th>THUR</th>
<th>FRI</th>
<th>SAT</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>April 21</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>24 Parent Conferences 3:10-5:30 p.m.</td>
<td>25 BSoC. vs. NS  GSoC. @ NS</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>27 BSoC. @ West JV Tourney</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**May 1**

2 GTr. MAC Meet @ Brady  
BTr. MAC Meet @ Muscatine

| 5   | 6    | 7 BSoC. @ Burlington  
GSoC. Vs. Burlington | 8    | 9 B/GTr. Co-Ed.  
District @ North Scott  
BSoC. @ Bettendorf  
GSoC. Vs. Bettendorf | 10   | 11 |

12  | 13   | 14 BSoC. @ Clinton  
GSoC. Vs. Clinton | 15   | 16 BSoC @Maquoketa  
GSoC. Vs. DeWitt Senior Picnic | 17   | 18 |

19  | 20 BSoC. Substate 1st Rd.  
BB vs. IC High  
Yearbook Distribution | 21   | 22 BB @ IC West | 23 GSoC. @ Dubuque  
Hempstead  
SB @ Maquoketa | 24   | 25 SB @ PV Invite  
BB vs. Ft. Madison |

26  | 27 No School  
Memorial Day | 28 GSoC. Regional 1st Rd.  
Finals Blocks 3 & 4 | 29 BB vs. CR Xavier | 30 SB vs. North  
Var. Doubleheader | 31 SB @ IC West Tnmt. |

---

**2013 WHS Prom**

When:  April 27, 7:30 p.m - 10:30 p.m.  
Where: Starlite Ballroom, M.V. Fairgrounds  
Cost:  $20 per person in advance  
Who:  Any Junior or Senior who has served all detentions and paid all fines and fees.  
Theme: “Dancing in the Dark”  
Colors:  Neon Orange, Green, Pink, and Yellow

**Attention Parents:**  Before or after speaking with your student’s teachers, be sure to take a stroll through the Library and view some outstanding student artwork. The spring art show will run through May 4, so if time is tight during conferences, be sure to drop in another time. Poster courtesy of Desirae Blake.

---

**2013 WHS Prom**

When:  April 27, 7:30 p.m - 10:30 p.m.  
Where: Starlite Ballroom, M.V. Fairgrounds  
Cost:  $20 per person in advance  
Who:  Any Junior or Senior who has served all detentions and paid all fines and fees.  
Theme: “Dancing in the Dark”  
Colors:  Neon Orange, Green, Pink, and Yellow

**Attention Parents:**  Before or after speaking with your student’s teachers, be sure to take a stroll through the Library and view some outstanding student artwork. The spring art show will run through May 4, so if time is tight during conferences, be sure to drop in another time. Poster courtesy of Desirae Blake.