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Dear Spencerport Families,

Each week, I try to highlight some of the good things our students and staff are doing here at school. While they often involve awards, athletics, and the arts, this Friday I wanted to talk a bit about accountability reports that were recently released by the State Education Department (SED) as part of its obligations to the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

Without getting into too much detail, ESSA requires each state to collect evidence ensuring that all students—regardless of race, income, zip code, disability, home language, or background—are learning at a high level. For example, in New York, test scores, graduation rates, and drop-out statistics are analyzed in order to assign districts different designations for groups and subgroups.



Here in Spencerport, I am pleased to report that each one of our ratings based on information from the 2021-2022 school year earned us accountability designations of “Local Support and Improvement” (LSI). Since LSI is the highest possible designation, it means that all of our buildings and district are in good standing. Considering high performing organizations routinely “practice the philosophy of continuous improvement,” we will continue to use student achievement data to further improve our programming here in Spencerport. For full details, please visit the New York State site at this link, <https://data.nysed.gov/>

I'd like to thank and recognize the hard work of our students, teachers, staff members and administrators. High academic achievement does not happen by accident and our results are the direct result of our learning community focusing on providing the best educational experience for our students.

Bright Spots

Our focus on real world applications

The Bright Spots this week highlight our students and making connections as a global community. Whether it is the DECA state competition, Model UN conference, or Global Citizenship conference, our students are engaged in real world applications and gaining invaluable leadership skills. This weekend, we also have our Ranger Robotics team in their first competition of the season. We are so proud of all of our students.



SHS students competed at NYS DECA

Eleven Spencerport High School students competed in the state DECA conference in downtown Rochester last week, and four students earned medals. DECA is a program that prepares students for careers in marketing, finance, and hospitality and management through tests, complex text role-plays, written business plan presentations, and leadership opportunities.

We'd like to recognize:

- Isabella Buono, top 10 medal in Test
- Cate Burns, top 10 medal in Role Play #1
- McKenna Dwyer, top 10 medal in Test and top 10 medal in Role Play #1
- Audrey Gelfuso, top 10 medal in Role Play #1 and top 10 medal in Top 10 Overall
- Brennen Conn
- Alex Girolamo
- Natalie Glass
- Katie McKee
- Declan Switzer
- Kene Ukabai

- Josh Winter

We are proud of our Spencerport students and would also like to thank teacher Tom Kanaley, who also serves as their club advisor.



The 51st Annual Model UN Conference replicates real world issues

Fourteen students in the Spencerport Model United Nations Club, joined together with hundreds of other students from 28 different schools across New York State last weekend to participate in the 51st Annual Model United Nations Conference at St. John Fisher University.

Designed to simulate the proceedings of an actual United Nations Conference, students served on various committees focused on resolving real world problems ranging from child labor, gender equality or nuclear war.

Spencerport represented Morocco this year in honor of our French teacher Berka Mou.

Two students earned the following awards:

- Lillian Fleck received a Best Delegate (Honorable Mention) for her participation in the United Nations Environment Program, and
- Madison Fleck received a Best New Delegate award for her participation in the International Criminal Court.

In addition to Lillian and Madison, the following students also represented our school:

- Tyler McManus
- Emma Krywy
- Cruz Vargas
- Yavien LaDore

- Maverick Yarger
- Miles Glass
- Carter Schum
- Delaney Pettit
- Batool Ghazle
- Lindsey Mallon
- Madeline Rapp
- Ani Nuernberger

We are proud of our students who dedicated time and effort in participating at the Model UN, and teacher Timothy Lloyd for serving as their advisor.



Global Citizenship Conference at Nazareth

On Wednesday, members of our Student Summit team participated in the 12th annual Global Citizenship Conference held at Nazareth College. Schools throughout Monroe County attended, and 17 of our students participated in whole group and small group learning opportunities.

Our student leaders engaged in sessions such as Encountering the World's Diverse Cultures and Traditions, Global Citizenship. This conference originated with the Nazareth College Hickey Center for Interfaith Studies and Dialogue in 2010 with the purpose of building peace together. It has since grown and is designed to support students in building skills to face adversity in difficult times, developing techniques to treat others the way you would like to be treated, understanding diverse cultures and religions, and creating a safe environment for dialogue when issues of intolerance

occurs. Thank you to assistant principals Jennifer Wesp-Liestman and Amy Sullivan for coordinating this opportunity.

We are so proud of our students:

- Jupiter Meyer
- Macaria Johnson
- Cheyanne Mason
- Cheyenne Santo
- Taylor Sloley
- Lundy McCutchen
- Alena Zaher
- Alicia Gayle
- Jolee Rosario
- Danica Roberston
- Ah'Layan Rodriguez
- La'Myha Dawson
- Crismery Ventura
- Joel Garcia
- Saniya Harris
- Kai Johnson
- Cameron Rakowski

Upcoming events

Premiere of Seussical the Musical is tonight!

Cosgrove Middle School students performed sneak previews of Seussical the Musical this week, and their talents are incredible. Tickets are still on sale at www.showtix4u.com. Keyword search is "Cosgrove" and each ticket is \$12. Tickets are also available at the door for cash or check. Performances will be tonight and tomorrow at the High School PAC.



We hope you will be able to join us at one of these performances.



Mar. 24: Pre-K-12 half-day release

The next half day release is next Friday, Mar. 24, so please remember that students will be released early. Each principal has shared their school's schedule for dismissal in their weekly update.

- Mar. 17: Happy St. Patrick's Day!
- Mar. 17: Term 2 report cards in IC
- Mar. 20: First day of spring
- Mar. 21: Districtwide Combined Band concert, 7 p.m.
- Mar. 24: Pre-K-12 Half Day release

Sincerely,

Kristin Swann
Superintendent of Schools



Spencerport Central School District