



National Honor Society: 23 New Members Inducted



New NHS members pictured back (L-R) Adam Shanks, Cody Reed, Dakota Navrkal, Jordan Brandon, Ian Grassel, Amy Zeller, Alex McLaury, Conner Kneip, Josh Dossdall; center (L-R) Keely Bertram, Emma McInerney, Haylee Erickson, Tatum Adema, Caitlin Davis, Gabriela Perez, Heaven Zevenbergen, Kristen Rarrat; front (L-R) Katherine Mickelson, Hope Erickson, Brittany Hanson, Skylore Curry, Stacie McLaury, Ely Buehner.

By: Matthew Lehman

November 20 marked the day on which 23 new recruits were officially inducted into the National Honor Society. Originally with only eleven members, the organization tripled its roster by adding both quantity and quality.

The new seniors who were inducted include Tatum Adema, Caitlin Davis, Joshua Dossdall, Haylee Erickson, Dakota Navrkal, Gabriela Perez, and Kristen Rarrat.

The new juniors inducted were Keely Bertram, Jordan Brandon, Elysia Buehner, Skylore Curry, Hope Erickson, Ian Grassel, Brittany Hanson, Conner Kneip, Emma McInerney, Alex McLaury, Stacie McLaury, Katherine Mickelson, Cody Reed, Adam

Shanks, Amy Zeller, and Heaven Zevenbergen. The original members included President Matthew Lehman, Vice President and Treasurer Hannah Klinkhammer, Secretary Taylor Donnelly, Kelsey Abbey, Anna Chicoine, Charles Nearman, Seth Petra, Audrey Truhe, Chelsea Weidner, Brock Zeller, and Katie Zeller.

The ceremony reminded members of the four pillars that every member must strive for: scholarship, leadership, character, and service. The National Honor Society proudly welcomes its new members and continues to make its presence felt in the community by being involved in activities such as Soles for Souls and the Recycling Program, and by providing treats for students on Honor Roll.

Region One Honor Band Performs at Yankton

By: Jenny Dailey

Region One Honor Band was held on Monday, November 19. Six of the eight people that auditioned from EPJ were selected to participate in the event held at Yankton High School. Those musicians included Emily Pierce, Katherine Giorgio, Meghan Schenk, Ely Buehner, Cody Reed, and Seth Petra. They all put in over five and a half hours of practicing

on that day in preparation for the final concert that night, not to mention the many hours each musician spent personally preparing for the audition.

Each year, guest conductors are brought in to lead the musicians. This year they were Dr. LaFave and Dr. Beckler from Northern State University. When asked about the event, Cody Reed said, "It was a fun learning experience to perform with people from all over the region."

Breakfast With Santa Kicks Off Concert Season

The Elk Point-Jefferson Music Department is gearing up for a variety of musical events to be held in December. First, the show choir is hosting a Breakfast with Santa fundraising event on December 1. This event raises money for the vocal trip to Orlando where, among other things, the show choir will be working with Disney choreographers. Breakfast with Santa runs from 8:00-11:00 A.M. The event will include a breakfast provided by the show choir members and their families, an area where children will be able to take pictures with Santa, a bake sale, and a coloring area where children can color pictures while they wait. Breakfast with Santa will be held in the commons and lunchroom areas of Elk Point-Jefferson High School. Other upcoming events for the music department include the K-4 holiday concert on December 6, high school concert on December 10, and the 5-8 concert on December 13.

Turkey Day Traditions at EPJ

By: Taylor Donnelly

Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks, spend time with family, and, of course, to eat. A recent survey completed before the holiday had students thinking about why Thanksgiving is important to them.

This year, students planned to travel to a wide variety of places including Norfolk, Parkston, and Des Moines. While 52% of the students did not travel, most planned to spend the day relaxing and "stuffing ourselves to full capacity," as senior Caitlin Davis said.

The students' top five favorite Thanksgiving foods were mashed potatoes, turkey, stuffing,

gravy, and finally pumpkin pie.

Along with eating, many families have traditions that they continue each year. Ashley Gylfe said, "We play an extreme game of spoons. With thirty cousins, it normally ends with a fight." Andrew Flynn said, "We go to my grandma's, eat the turkey, and then feed the nasty ham salad sandwiches to the dog." And finally Jessica Gates said, "We write down what we are thankful for, then read the previous year's notes."

Whatever the tradition, it is evident that the students were excited for the holiday even if it was just for the shopping. As Kelley Jorgensen put it, "Black Friday. Nuff said."

MS Quiz Bowl Results



Quiz Bowl winners Vanessa Perez, Jill Donnelly, Emma Wilkinson, and Alex Norby

By: Maria Corio

The middle school competed in its annual Quiz Bowl on November 7. Ten teams of 6th graders competed against each other, whereas twenty-three teams competed in the 7th and 8th grade division.

First-place winners of the 6th grade division include the team of Brook Gugat, Karly Marx, Brianna Chicoine, and Jady Reed. In the 7th and 8th grade division, the team of Matthew Ambrose, Tiffany Bon-

ham, Daniel Petra, and Kristen Pyle received second, while the reigning champions were Vanessa Perez, Alex Norby, Jill Donnelly, and Emma Wilkinson.

The team will receive a pin and certificate at the end of the year awards ceremony. The 7th and 8th grade division champions, along with two alternates, will compete in the Big Sioux Conference Middle School Quiz Bowl in March. The alternates, as well as the date of the event, will be announced at a later date.

Students Strive for the Thanksgiving Food Drive

By: Amy Zeller

As the Thanksgiving holiday approached, Elk Point-Jefferson students were reminded to be selfless by donating food to the needy. Starting on November 12, boxes were placed in each homeroom of the high school for students to collect nonperishable food items or money. Whichever homeroom's collected items weighed the most would win a tasty prize. Cash donations were welcome, too. For counting purposes, students were told that fifty cents would be equal to one pound. One week later on November 20,

members of the student council collected and counted the food items to find the winners.

Mrs. Baagoe's homeroom reigned as champions, earning themselves breakfast pizza with their total equaling 156 pounds of food. Mrs. Patnaude's class finished in second place, earning breakfast doughnuts with their collection weighing 84.2 pounds. Mrs. Norris followed closely behind in third place with her group's collection weighing 81.8 pounds. All proceeds went to the Elk Point Food Pantry. The highly anticipated breakfast items were supplied to the respective homerooms on November 26.

Senior Spotlights

This week our spotlights shine on Rachyl Mae Hernandez and Heather Marie Van Sunder. Rachyl and Heather are two of the 65 talented seniors who will graduate this May. EPJ wishes both Rachyl and Heather a bright future filled with opportunities.



Rachyl Hernandez

Parents: Jaun Hernandez and Glenda Evans

Siblings: Bryce and Adam Hernandez

Birthday: December 11, 1994

Future Plans: I want to get my art major at USD.

HS Activities: bowling and softball

Little-known Fact about Me: I love to sing out loud when nobody is home.

Famous-person Crush: Owen Wilson

Role Model: my mom

I've Always Wanted to Visit: Paris

Advice for Underclassmen: Try your hardest and never give up, even though you may want to.

FAVORITES:

Quote: "Gravitation is not responsible for people falling in love." - Albert Einstein

School Memory: getting straight A's in 3rd grade

Superhero: Cat Woman

Movie: *The Hunger Games*

TV Shows: *Criminal Minds*;

Iron Chef America

Book/Author: *Kissed by an Angel* - Elizabeth Chandler

Food: sushi

HS Class: art

Song/Artist: "Beautiful" - Christina Aguilera

Sports Team: Huskers football

School Lunch: mac'n'cheese

Holiday: Christmas

Color: Blue



Heather Van Sunder

Parents: Cory and Janeen Newlon; Dan and Tina Hindman

Siblings: Ashley Herren; Chris, Danny, and Alex Hindman; Andrew Newlon

Birthday: December 28, 1994

Future Plans: cosmetology school

Little-known Fact about Me: I was not born in SD; I'm from Stockton, CA.

Famous-person Crush: Channing Tatum and Johnny Depp

Role Model: my mom because she has taught me to be myself

I've Always Wanted to Visit: Amsterdam - my mom's father and his family moved to the states from Holland and I would love to meet the family.

Advice for Underclassmen: Pay very close attention in school and listen to every word of advice you receive; it really helps.

FAVORITES:

Quote: "All dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them." - Walt Disney

School Memory: my last day at my old school before I moved here because I got to be with all my friends

Movie: *The Little Mermaid*

TV Show: *Cake Boss*

Book/Author: *The Fallen* series - Lauren Kate

Food: spaghetti

Song/Artist: Christina Perry

Sports Team: Oakland Athletics

Color: Purple

Husky Events This Week

Thursday (11/29):	7/8 Girls Basketball at Vermillion 4:00
Friday (11/30):	7/8 Girls Basketball at Canton 4:00
Saturday (12/1):	Breakfast with Santa Little Huskies Boys Basketball Grades 2-5 9:30-11:30 SDHSAA BB Jamboree at Gayville-Volin 9:00 Wrestling at Flandreau 10:00
Monday (12/3):	7/8 Girls Basketball at Dakota Valley 4:00
Tuesday (12/4):	Girls Basketball with Ponca 5:00 Little Huskies Girls Grades 1-2 Play at Halftime Wrestling at Garretson 5:30