



## Huskies Find Success at Science Fair

### HS State Science Fair

Fifty-one high school students from Elk Point-Jefferson participated in the State Science Fair on March 22. Held on the campus of South Dakota State University every year, the fair is an opportunity for all of the students to get a chance to showcase their knowledge, creativity, and use of the scientific method.

EPJ was extremely successful this year. The top winner was Caden Stabe, who qualified as 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up to the International Science Fair. Eleven students took home a special award consisting of either a cash prize or another type of significant reward for their project.

High school science teachers Melanie Norris and Karlene Stabe were awarded the School Chal-

lenge Award which included \$1,000 to go towards equipment for their classrooms and a \$500 gift certificate from Fischer Scientific.

EPJ also had 21 projects that placed or received honorable mention in their categories. First Place was awarded to Maddie Schuldt, Caden Stabe, and the team of Rachel Geary and Emily Peirce. Second Place finishers were Connor Henze, Bailey Lynch, and the teams of Austin and Connor Taylor, Mariah Heckathorn and Elena Giorgio, and Angel Abraham and Caitlin Fornia. Third Place winners were Alexa Montagne, Skyler Oberg, and the teams of Alexis Flynn and Tori Johnson, and Becca and Meghan Brewer. Honorable Mention was awarded to Raquel Rosenbaum, Jordan Von Seggern, Bethany Denison, Emma Prouty, and the

teams of Jacob Quiett and Kody LaFleur, Lukas Larson and Hunter Goehring, Preston Kollbaum and Logan Donelan, and Karlee Shatswell and Morgan Smith. Both high school science teachers commented, "We are extremely proud of all fifty-one students we took to state this year. EPJ was very well represented!"

### MS State Science Fair

On Tuesday, March 22, EPJ middle school students attended the State Science Fair held in Brookings on the South Dakota State University campus. Before attending the fair, students first participated in the local science fair and placed in their category in order to advance to the state level.

First place winners were Addison Stabe in the Medi-

cine and Health Sciences Division and the team of Matthew Giorgio and Josh Lehman in the Energy and Transportation Division. Second place winners in the Energy and Transportation Division were Emily Henze and Sydney Bousquet. Mackenzie Jordan took third place in the Physics and Astronomy Division.

Winners of special awards and cash prizes included Addison Stabe, Elisabeth Peirce, and the teams of Sydney Bousquet and Emily Henze, Matthew Giorgio and Josh Lehman, and Sophi Johnson and Shandi Ludwig. Broadcom Masters winners included Sydney Bousquet, Emily Henze, Matthew Giorgio, Josh Lehman, and Addison Stabe.

Congratulations to all who participated for representing EPJ school so well.

## Senior Spotlights

This week our spotlights shine on Justin Cole Broekemeier and Alex John Hoffman. Justin and Alex are 2 of the 57 talented seniors who will graduate this May. EPJ wishes both Justin and Alex a bright future filled with opportunities.



**Justin Broekemeier**

**Parents:** Joel and Kim Broekemeier

**Siblings:** Heath and Tyler Broekemeier, and Sara Rosenbaum

**Birthdate:** October 2, 1997

**Future plans:** study civil engineering at SD School of Mines

**Activities:** football, wrestling, baseball, oral interpretation, quiz bowl, student council, National Honor Society

**Hobbies:** reading, working out, watching movies, sleeping

**Role models:** my older brothers Heath and Tyler

**A fun fact about me:** I have extremely soft hair.

**First crush:** my oldest brother's best friend Amanda Miller

**Famous-person crush:** Jennifer Aniston

**Kindergarten BFF:** Preston Bodlak

**Pet peeve:** people who litter

**A place I have always wanted to visit:** The Greek Parthenon

**The best thing about EPJ:** the people—they are very accepting to everyone

**If I could change one thing about EPJ:** cut out home-room announcements because it takes forever

**If I could be any age forever:** 20—you can nap in college and have no real responsibilities

**FAVORITES:**

**Quote:** "Do not take life too seriously. You will never get out of it alive." - Elbert Hubbard

**School memory:** getting a detention for laughing in 6th grade study hall

**Superhero:** Cookie Monster

**Book/author:** Percy Jackson series-Rick Riordan

**Movie:** Mr. and Mrs. Smith

**Musicians:** Queen, Asia, Five Finger Death Punch, Gary Allan

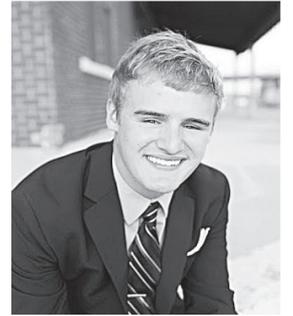
**Team:** Nebraska Huskers, San Francisco Giants, Oakland Raiders

**School lunch:** chicken nuggets

**Holiday:** 4th of July

**Class:** history

**Favorite Show:** Supernatural



**Alex Hoffman**

**Parents:** Mark Hoffman; Kim Hoffman

**Siblings:** Carlie and Natalie Hoffman

**Birthdate:** June 26, 1997

**Future plans:** attend UNL for both undergraduate and law school

**Activities:** student council, National Honor Society, oral interpretation, one act play, football, basketball, track, newspaper

**Hobbies:** CCD, golf, hanging with friends, and boating

**A fun fact about me:** I have road rage in the school halls.

**Famous-person crush:** Carrie Underwood

**Kindergarten BFFs:** Michael Murphy, Jared Hueser, Lorin Gregg

**Pet peeve:** burping out loud

**A place I have always wanted to visit:** Hogwarts because it looks like a cool campus filled with amazing sites

**The best thing about EPJ:** There are good people and great friends--never a boring minute.

**If I could change one thing about EPJ:** add fast lanes for people headed to lunch and slow for others because you don't know hunger until you're running too late for school and miss breakfast.

**If I could be any age forever:** 24--you're old enough to have responsibility but young enough to still have energy for whatever you need

**FAVORITES:**

**Quote:** "It isn't the mountains ahead to climb that wear you out; it's the pebble in your shoe." Muhammad Ali

**School memory:** Tight Pants Talent Show (sophomore year)

**Superhero:** Iron Man

**Book/author:** Harry Potter - J. K. Rowling

**Movies:** The Avengers, Harry Potter

**Musicians:** Eric Church, Florida Georgia Line

**Team:** Nebraska Cornhuskers, Kansas City Royals, Seattle Seahawks

**School lunch:** chicken fried steak

**Holiday:** Halloween

**Class:** literature

## Husky Staffers Represent in Pierre

Two Husky Staff editors, Andrew Flannery and Jared Hueser, had the opportunity to serve as legislative pages in Pierre in March. Below are their first-hand accounts of what it is like to be a legislative page.

### Andrew Flannery



I had the opportunity to serve as a legislative page during the fourth term of this State Legislative Session for the South Dakota House of Representatives.

For two weeks, I lived and worked in Pierre, staying with a local family and commuting to the Capital every morning. Throughout the day, I worked with the other pages as we helped the legislative process take place. I attended committee meetings each morn-

ing, listening to bill testimony and doing tasks such as producing and distributing copies of documents. In the afternoon, I sat in on floor session, where bills are voted on by the whole body. During floor session, legislators called for pages to help pass out notes or get vote counts. When I was not in a committee meeting or in the floor session, I often helped answer phones, as many people call the legislature to ask their legislators to vote a certain way on bills.

While many of the tasks I performed do not seem very complex, the two weeks I spent in Pierre taught me a lot about government. I received first-hand experience on how our government works, and I helped make government happen. I had a fantastic experience paging, and I highly encourage any upcoming juniors and seniors to apply to be a page. You won't regret it.

### Jared Hueser



This March, I was very fortunate to be a legislative page in Pierre for one week. I was a House Page, so I served the members of the House of Representatives while I was there.

As a legislative page, I would assist the legislators by getting them coffee, making copies, and other things that they might need. It may seem like I did busy work for the legislators, but I learned a lot from the experience. I had the opportunity to sit in on committee meetings

and debates on the House floor. I saw how bills were passed in committee. I experienced the legislative process first-hand and saw how bills were passed on the floor.

The pages were invited to the governor's mansion on one of the nights to have dinner with Governor Dugaard. I also had the opportunity to speak with many legislators about certain issues and problems facing our state.

Being a legislative page was an experience that I will never forget. I learned first-hand about our state legislature. It was very interesting to see what we had learned in class happening right in front of me. Not only did I learn about the legislature, but I gained new friendships with other pages that will last a lifetime. It was an amazing experience, and I strongly encourage other EPJ students to participate if they have the chance.

## A Big Win in the Windy City



Members of 5678! Dance Studio celebrate their win in Chicago.

Four EPJ students from 5678! Dance Studio in North Sioux City competed at Champion Spirit Nationals in Chicago, Illinois, on March 11-13. The senior dance team earned a spot at The Dance Worlds competition in Orlando, Florida, April 23-25.

EPJ students who are dance team members include Jessica Riley, Penny Fisher, Brianna Chicoine, and Jadyn Reed.

At this particular Nationals competition, they had to do the routines twice so that the judges could see how consistent they were. Both times that they did pom, they earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place. In contemporary, they took 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. In jazz, both times they earned 4<sup>th</sup>.

On Sunday, bid awards were announced. The bid awards are when they find out if they are invited to

Dance Worlds in Florida. They earned two at-large bids, one for pom and one for contemporary, and they also earned a bid for jazz at the DX Nationals in Minnesota. Riley and Chicoine are planning to compete at Worlds.

Jessica Riley, a senior at Elk Point-Jefferson, is completing her final year at 5678! Dance Studio. Riley has been dancing ever since she was

three years old. She has been on the competitive team since she was in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Riley and her teammates went to many competitions during the dance season, including the Chicago event. Speaking of Chicago, Riley says, "This was a good competition for us. We did very well in all of our routines." This will be her second time competing at Worlds; the first was three years ago when she was a freshman.

Brianna Chicoine is on both the junior and senior dance teams for 5678! She has been dancing for about 5 years on the competitive dance team. She says that Chicago was a highlight of her dancing career so far. She describes the moment in Chicago when they earned their bids: "Everyone was screaming and yelling. We were all so excited because we had worked so hard to get a bid to Worlds that we could not contain ourselves." Another overall highlight of her dancing experience has been having a whole other family to turn to. "Whether you have problems in dance or at school, you always have someone to talk to," she says. This will be her first time competing at Worlds.

### Husky Happenings

#### Thursday, April 7:

Baseball at Vermillion (Varsity-5:30/ JV-7:00)

Optimist Jazz Festival in Brookings

#### Friday, April 8:

7/8 Track at Beresford 4:00

NHS End of Year Dinner 6:00

Baseball at Beresford (Varsity-5:30/ JV-7:00)

#### Saturday, April 9:

State Show Choir

#### Monday, April 11:

Board of Education Meeting 7:00

Baseball at Dakota Valley (Varsity-5:30/ JV-7:00)

#### Tuesday, April 12:

7/8 Track at Dakota Valley 4:00

Track at Canton 4:00

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