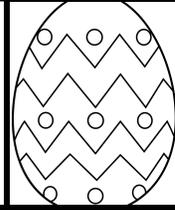




The Buzz



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Happy Easter, Hornets!

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Cindy Gunn Student Center Opens Doors to a Brighter Future for Holland ISD

Holland's Gunn and Only

By Maycee Anderson, Jake Richards, and Zoe Koch

The dedication of the Cindy Gunn Student Center took place on Tuesday, March 26th at Holland ISD. The dedication was emceed by Mr. Shane Downing and featured those who observed Gunn's many years of hard work, including: her immediate family (from parents to grandchildren), previous staff members such as Mr. Joe Liles, Holland ISD faculty, staff, and students, community members, the maintenance crew, as well as current and previous school board members.

"I think the building is an amazing addition to the campus, and students from every grade will be able to utilize its resources to the fullest extent," said Junior Nora Beebe when asked about the building.

The ceremony was opened with the Holland High School Band, who played the National Anthem, then the pledges lead by elementary student Madison Cross, followed by an introduction by Downing. Speakers consisted of Gunn and Mrs. Jill Marwitz, who shared various stories of Gunn's career as a teacher, principal, and superintendent. Gunn was honored by receiving a plaque highlighting her years within the campus, a handmade purse and wallet

made by Holland graduate Gavin Smotek, a wood-stained table and benches, and a metal wall ornament honoring her years of service. The day ended with the band playing the school song and fight song as the first student footfalls were made in the new building.

"My goal has always been to make the world a better place. By investing in children, we have all been able to accomplish that goal together. I have been surrounded by people working together in Holland, past and present, that wanted the same thing." Gunn said during the ceremony.

After the dedication ended, attendees were able to tour the new student center to explore what the building offers. The student center could be described as refreshing, astonishing, and a welcomed improvement. The building will consist of additional classrooms, a new band hall, study rooms, a computer room, and a new library, as well as convertible testing rooms and various others.

"I thank you all for participating in my journey of the past 35 years with Holland ISD."



Photo taken by Kristi Dague.

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Don't Forget:

- **Band Schliterbahn Trip - April 27th**
- **Prom - May 4th**
- **Senior Walk - May 9th**
- **Academic Awards Banquet - May 16th**

Quote of the Week!

**"Do not abandon yourself to despair. We are the Easter people and Hallelujah is our song."
- Pope John Paul II**





Holland Competes at Regional UIL

By Freelance Writer Macie Carter

Holland High School UIL Regional qualifiers attended the UIL Region 4 Academic meet in Corpus Christi on Friday and Saturday, April 12th-13th. The students were eager and ready to win. 33 students attended the competition, four of whom advanced as individuals to the State Meet, and two teams (Literary Criticism and Current Events) placed as runner ups.

Senior Drew Rendon has participated in UIL Academics since his freshman year. This year, Drew placed first at District in Literary Criticism. This event is one of Drew's favorite, which is not a surprise since he loves to read. At Regionals, he placed first with a score of 74, a 6 point improvement over his District score of 68. This state qualifying score has motivated him to work harder and study more so he can be prepared for State on May 3rd.

Neika Daniel, another a senior this year, has participated in UIL Academics for four years and is a two-time District champ and State qualifier in Lincoln Douglas Debate. At Regionals, Neika was given hard competition but advanced out of prelims on Friday night and was sent into finals Saturday morning. In finals, Neika competed against another student for third place and won the match which sends her to the State speaking competition for a second consecutive year on May 29th-30th.

Senior Joseph Krickzy has participated in UIL all four years of his high school in Computer Applications and Computer Science. Joseph has advanced to the Regional meet all four years. This year, he achieved his ultimate

goal and qualified for State in Computer Science. His event will be held on May 3rd in Austin at UT. Joseph fully intends on using his competitive skills in his future occupation as informational technologies.

Kaiden Bailey is a sophomore this year, with this being only her second year to compete at the high school level. Kaiden competes in Prose Oral Interpretation. At District, this year Kaiden placed third. After hours of hard work and practice, she prepared for Regionals where she placed third in the finals round, earning her a State seat for May 29th-30th.

The writing, mathematics, computer, science, and literary criticism State Meet will be held at the University of Texas in Austin on May 3rd-4th. The Speech State Meet will be held in the same location but on May 29th-30th. This will be the largest group Holland has taken to the State UIL competition in a single year.





Interview With a Senior

On Friday, April 12 through 13, Holland students traveled to Corpus Christi, Texas in order to participate in the 2019 UIL regionals. The students ranged from all grades, including Seniors Macie Carter, Rossy Cipriano, Kolby Dague, Neika Daniel, Luke Frei, Kate Gordon, Jordan Hernandez, Joseph Kriczky, Isaac LeCompte, Drew Rendon, Luisa Rios, Clara Steglich, Joshua Wiens, and Noah Wilcox.

“My last year has been kind of interesting. I’m really proud of my team members and I’m proud of myself for my growth throughout my high school career.” said Senior Macie Carter,

“My freshman year, I had no flying idea what I was doing, and I just kind of winged it and now look at me- I’m the captain and I do pretty good. My freshman year I said there was no way I would go to region, and I went my sophomore, junior, and senior year. I never made it out of prelims but I got one of my team members to go to finals, and it was really big because I’m one of those people, I’m more excited with meeting and motivating other people.”



FCCLA State Convention



Reporter-in-Chief Maycee Anderson

the state of Texas competed in their STAR events.

The FCCLA Holland Chapter traveled to Dallas on April 3rd to participate in the FCCLA State Leadership Conference. The students who attended the conference were state qualifiers of the Texas FCCLA Region Conference. A total of three teams from Holland qualified for the State level of the FCCLA competition.

Holland’s FCCLA State qualifiers included:

- Maycee Anderson
- Drew Rendon
- Alexia Martinez
- Chloe Hoke
- Javia Whitely
- Jade Crow
- Katelynn Hull
- Savannah Lawrence
- Neika Daniel
- Rossy Cipriano
- Christa Reagan

The FCCLA State Conference consisted of many activities such as a pizza dance party, guest speeches, and more. Throughout the duration of the event, people from across



HORNETS AT AREA TRACK IN THRILL



Varsity Girls 4 x 400 Relay
Jo Carter, Kate Gordon, Raena Nicholson,
Jocelyn Smith



Varsity Boys 4 x 400 Relay
Bailey Smotek, Brady Shelton, Blaze Wooley,
Ashton Morris



All girls who competed in the area meet

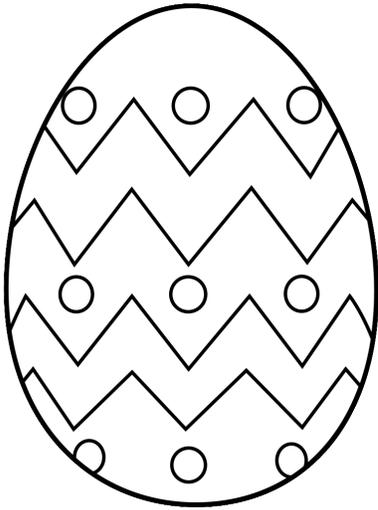


Varsity Boys 4 x 200 Relay
Brady Shelton, Jon Caleb Cearley, Zane
Spinn, Ashton Morris

Boys broke both the mile relay and the 800 meter relay school records. Girls won the mile relay, and Holland Lady Hornets won Area Track Champs.



FYI



Congratulations to our state qualifiers:

Drew Rendon placed 1st in Literary Criticism

Neika Daniel placed 3rd in Lincoln Douglas Debate

Joseph Kriczky placed 3rd in Computer Science

Kaiden Bailey placed 3rd in Pros Oral Interpretation

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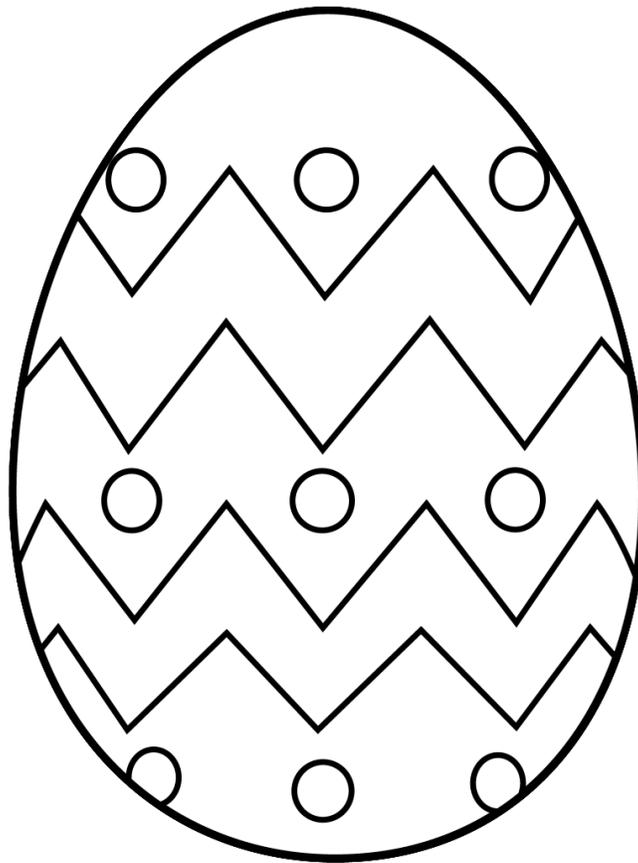
Mrs. Potts

And to our 3rd place Literary Criticism team:

Drew Rendon, Christa Regan, Nora Beebe, and Emily Dague.



Fun Page



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There are a total of 7 eggs including the one
above!