

SPORTS & SCHOOL NEWS

BUFFALO HIGH SCHOOL: MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Top music students featured, awarded in Showcase Concert



Select music students at Buffalo High School were awarded for their efforts throughout the 2021-22 school year. Pictured above were those that received awards (front row, left-right): Sam Yost, Claudia Staut, Joe Durben, Amelia Anderson, Abigail Bertsch; (row two, left-right): Hailey Pageau, Emily Strommen, Elisabeth Grack; (row three, left-right): Megan Nowezki, Anne Nyquist, Victoria Palomares; (back row, left-right): Zachary Muellerleile, Patrick Lubben, and James Dorado. Awards presented to each winner can be read in the story below. (Submitted photo)

Seventy-eight seniors get final turn in spotlight

By Rob LaPlante
Sports Editor

Talented musicians from Buffalo High School were on display at this year's annual Showcase Concert held Thursday, June 2, at the Performing Arts Center.

The concert featured performances from BHS' top musicians from Chamber Strings I, BHS Singers, Jazz I, Concert Orchestra, Concert Choir and Concert Band.

A total of 78 senior music students were introduced and received a plaque commemorating their musical

experiences at BHS.

The Showcase Concert also announced the nine winners of the Tri-M Music Awards. Receiving awards in the following three categories included: Tri-M Outstanding Leadership: Amelia Anderson, Zachary Muellerleile, and Sam Yost; Tri-M Master Musician: Hailey Pageau, Patrick Lubben, and Megan Nowezki; Tri-M Outstanding Service: Elisabeth Grack, Victoria Palomares, and Claudia Staut.

The final presentation were the five senior awards, which were pre-

sented by Music Directors Scott Rabehl, Mike Knutson, and Zack Carlson. James Dorado was the winner of the Semper Fidelis (Marine Corps) Award, presented to an individual that shows diligence, commitment, and musical excellence.

Abby Bertsch was the winner of the John Philip Sousa Band Award, which is voted on by classmates that select a band member who shows outstanding achievement and interest in instrumental music, for singular merit in loyalty and cooperation and displaying high quality of

conduct that school instrumental music requires.

Joe Durben was the recipient of the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award, which is voted by jazz students for a student's recognition of outstanding achievements in the field of jazz, as demonstrated by superior musicianship, character, and individual creativity.

Anne Nyquist was the winner of the National School Orchestra Award, voted by classmates in recognition for singular merit and outstanding contributions to the success of the school orchestra, and for displaying an unusual degree of loyalty and cooperation and exemplifying a high standard of conduct that is the aim of the school's instrumental program.

Emily Strommen was the winner of the National School Choral Award, voted on by Concert Choir members in recognition of singular merit, the outstanding contributions to the success of the school vocal program, loyalty, cooperation, and high quality of conduct by the general consent of the music faculty, school officials, and others.

Prior to a closing performance from all musical ensembles, some of the music students awarded their teachers and directors with gifts for their hard work throughout the school year.



Buffalo High School senior Joe Durben (front, left) receives an award from Director Mike Knutson (front, right) for being chosen as one of 21 of the state's top-young music composers, as well as outstanding high school student for original jazz composition for a large ensemble. (Photo by Rob LaPlante)

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Thursday, June 9

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
HES DRESS-UP DAY: HANOVER PRIDE

Friday, June 10

TEACHER WORKSHOP K-12
END OF FOURTH TERM
HES REPORT CARDS ON PORTAL
BHS/PLC GRADUATION/BISON FIELD WEST 7 P.M.

Saturday, June 11

Sunday, June 12

BUFFALO DAYS
BUFFALO COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA/
CONCERT IN STURGES PARK 7 P.M.

Monday, June 13

BUFFALO DAYS
SCHOOL BOARD WORKSHOP/DC BOARD ROOM 4:30 P.M.

Tuesday, June 14

FLAG DAY
BUFFALO DAYS
BHS FIELD TRIP/STATE THEATRE 10 A.M.
ECFE SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT/STURGES PARK 10:30 A.M.

Wednesday, June 15

BUFFALO DAYS CARNIVAL/STURGES PARK

Thursday, June 16

BUFFALO DAYS CARNIVAL/STURGES PARK
KIDDIE PARADE & MOVIE/STURGES PARK 6:30 & 9 P.M.

Bison advance to final round for first time since 2018 section title



The Bison placed sixth with a team score of 751 in last week's Section 8AAA girls' golf tournament at Rich Springs Golf Course in Cold Spring. It was the first time the girls advanced to the day-two finals as a team since 2018. Pictured above are team members selected to participate in this year's section meet (left-right): Kendra Carey, Raegan Wurm, Anna Kugler, Hayley Rohlin, Aspen Adams, and Natalie Mix. (Submitted photo)

Girls Golf

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champs. The Cardinals overcame a seven-stroke deficit on day one to win the tournament with a 649. Brainerd was runner-up at 663.

"We have a tough conference and a tough section, and to end the year making the cut and finishing sixth shows the girls how successful the year has been," said Head Coach Tim Murray. "The girls really played well at sections and found everything working."

The six girls picked by the coaching staff to participate in the section meet came down to simple math.

"Growing up, I played hockey, and I can remember it being near impossible to know the exact line you should put out there," Murray said. "For the section lineup, it simply came down to scores. These six had the lowest scores throughout the year and late in the season."

Murray felt a chance to see the course earlier in the year at pre-sections, along with a relaxed frame of mind was a key reason for their success.

"At sections, they were relaxed," Murray said. "We have talked all year about just getting out there and playing golf - kind of a whatever happens, happens, mentality. And it finally came together."

Wurm and Rohlin had finished 1-2 in the majority of events this season, but for the rest of the girls that shot varsity events, while the scores finished near the bottom of the leaderboard, they were winners in Murray's eyes.

"We talked about all year that they were hitting the ball well and making good, smart decisions, but the scores just hadn't shown that," Murray said. "Section

scores finally showed how far they've come, and it was really exciting to see the scores where I knew that they could be. Every girl has worked to improve every day and every meet."

Unlike any other season in years past, this year's squad had to fight through some poor spring conditions, making the season shorter with a schedule that forced them to compete in multiple meets throughout a week.

With a lot of time missed in the classroom, Murray still had multiple golfers excel.

"The girls handled it better than I could have hoped," Murray said. "Between supporting other sports, to participating in National Honor Society, to participating in Unified Prom, to staying caught up in school, to figuring out what their own post-secondary life looks, they really found a way to balance it all, and they should be proud of their accomplishments and success."

Section 8AAA Tourney

(May 31-June 1 at Rich Springs GC)
Team scores: 1. Alexandria 338-311-649; 2. Brainerd 331-332-663; 3. Detroit Lakes 338-332-670; 4. Becker 362-354-716; 5. Moorhead 376-354-730; 6. Buffalo 374-377-751; 7. Sartell-St. Stephen 390-373-763. Missed cut (Day 1): 8. Bemidji 393; 9. St. Cloud 395; 10. Willmar 402; 11. Sauk Rapids-Rice 406; 12. Rocori 483.
Individual totals/finals (Day 2): Willmar 176; St. Cloud 284; Bemidji 294.

Medalist (Par 72/144): Hannah Boraas (Alexandria) 83-73-156.

Individual State Qualifiers (Top-6 not on section winning team): 2. Katie Foley (Brainerd) 78-80-158; 2. McKenna Mallow (Detroit Lakes) 76-82-158; 5. Hanna Knop (Detroit Lakes) 88-76-164; 5. Kessa Mara (Willmar) 85-79-164; 7. Izzy Olson (Brainerd) 81-84-165; 7. Laura Syllie (Detroit Lakes) 79-86-165.

Buffalo scores: 1-14. Raegan Wurm 86-88-174; 2-21. Hayley Rohlin 89-93-182; 3-37. Anna Kugler 97-98-195; 4-39. Aspen Adams 102-98-200; 5-45. Kendra Carey 108-104-212; 6-48. Natalie Mix 109-115-224.

Congratulations BHS Class of 2022! You did it!

To all BHM families and students:
Thank you for your support this year!

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