

# T̄athánka éyapaha

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*An intense Giada Scherich takes on a challenging opponent at LNI. The Girls and Boys Wrestling teams both took the championship titles.*

Check out our LTHS website! The Tatanka Eyapaha is online!



## Connie's Corner

Supt. Connie Kaltenbach



Happy New Year, 2023!

As we look ahead, may we have a year of success, victories, and blessings. May we remember to be good relatives to each other with warm hearts and strong spirits.

Students will be taking the NWEA MAP assessment in January. We will use the new scores to compare to the student scores in the fall to assess for growth. Our goal is to help students reach grade-level instruction; collecting data to help us with that is very important.

We have employed many new people and are excited for them to join our team. We continue to advertise for teachers, paras, custodians, and other positions that we need within the school district. Our Lakota Studies Department is nearly fully staffed, as we have wanted to expand the student Lakota Language.

Take a drive by the Lakota Tech and Wolf Creek campuses, and you will see the walls of the new construction starting to take shape. We also have over 15 new tenants

in our staff housing units. Each component gets our district one step closer to meeting the growth we have experienced in the last couple of years.

Athletics and after school activities are getting in full steam as we start the new year. The wrestlers, basketball teams, and cheerleaders are in competition and doing well. LNI, in competition with fierce weather, was a success for all who attended.

The best advice I can give to staff, students, and families for a successful school year is to "be here, behave, and work hard. Follow these steps and you will receive great rewards.



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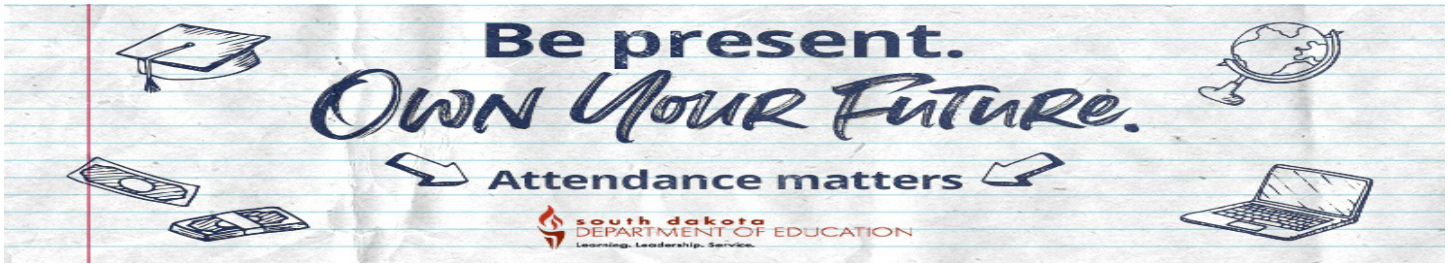
## State announces *Poetry Out Loud* Competition

Poetry Out Loud is a free program for all South Dakota high school students (grades 9-12) that encourages students to learn about poetry through memorization and recitation. This program provides avenues for students to master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, learn about their literary heritage, and compete for prizes.

The state champion and teacher will receive an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., in the spring for the Poetry Out Loud National Finals, where they compete with other state champions for a \$20,000 cash prize. Student video submissions are due Feb. 20. Learn more on the SD Arts Council's Poetry Out Loud webpage.



See Mrs. Ward for more details if you are an interested student!



## In Class Today. In Charge Tomorrow.

Chronic absenteeism is a serious problem in South Dakota. But what is it? Chronic absenteeism is when a student misses 10% or more of the school year. That's only two days a month – and it adds up. Since the 2018-2019 school year, the rate of chronic absenteeism has nearly doubled in South Dakota.

That's bad, as chronic absenteeism is proven to increase drop-out rates, hurt student grades and can lead to juvenile delinquency. Research also shows that students who don't graduate from high school miss out on lifetime earnings – making approximately \$10,000 less per year than those who receive a high school diploma. Over the course of a lifetime, that adds up. Students' futures start today. And they start in class.



## What You Can Do

**Parents:** The best way to you can get (and keep) students in school is to take an active interest. Talk to your student about their schoolwork, ask about potential issues at school (bullying, a lack of school supplies, medical issues, etc.) and convey the importance of education in their lives. Ask why they've been truant or uninterested in school.

You can also take an active role in establishing expectations for attendance, communicating rules consistently and enforcing consequences immediately if your child skips class.

If you're a guardian who's struggling with getting your child to school or facing challenges with transportation, after school care or other issues that might impact attendance, know that your school wants to help. Reach out to staff, and together you can help your child succeed.

**Family & Friends:** If you're a grandparent, friend or neighbor concerned about a child in your life missing school, you can help support attendance, too. Talk with the student and their guardian about your concerns, and offer ways to help like providing transportation or guiding them to talk with staff at their school. Listen, be supportive, and approach the conversation from a place of concern and understanding.

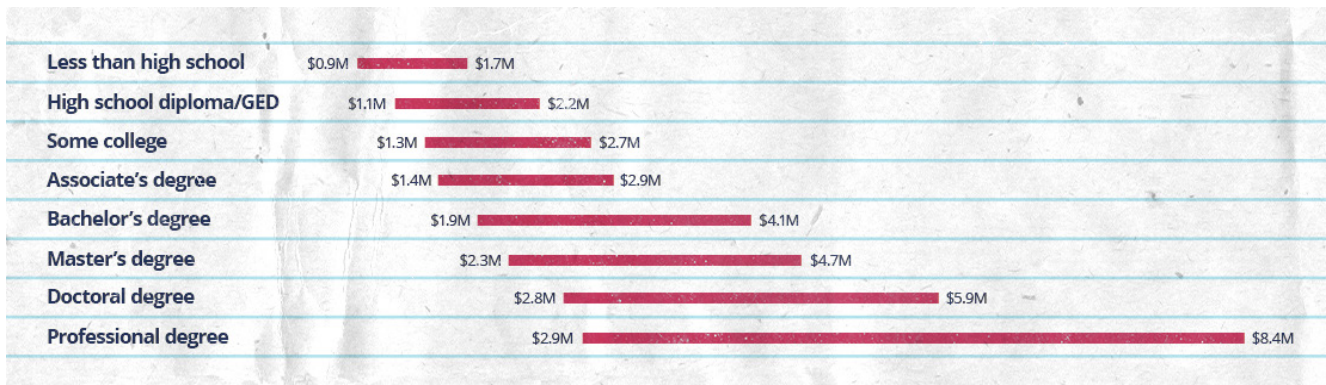
**Students:** If you're a student who's missing class, you start owning your future today. Identify habits you can create to change your behavior, like waking up earlier, setting a morning routine, preparing for school the night before or going to school with a friend who can help hold you accountable. Try classes, clubs and organizations that interest you. While you may not love Algebra, a graphic design class might just make your day – and help make school a priority. Finally, talk with your parents or staff at your school to help identify ways to succeed.

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## Lifetime Earnings by Education Achieved

Increased education leads to higher earnings over the course of a lifetime.



# LNI Knowledge Bowl whiz kids receive top honors



## Knowledge Bowl Results:

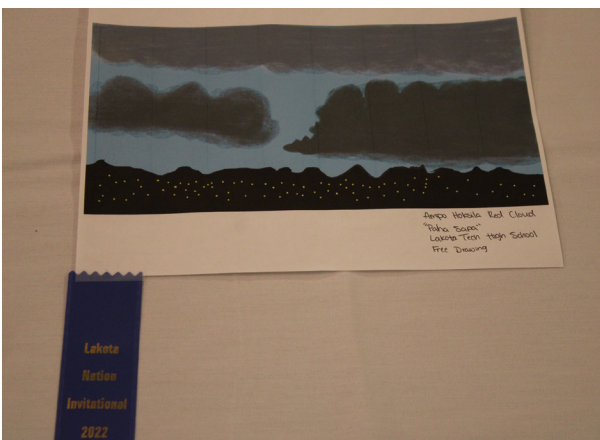
The Knowledge Bowl team took second place after a long fought game against Rapid City Christian with the final score being 42-35 in the quiz section of the knowledge bowl. In the personal quizzes, Raymond Chapman had the top scores in Phisics, Chemistry, and Grammar VI. Catherine Chapman took home an award for English Literature and Zaniyan Iron Eyes took home the award for Lakota Language and Culture.

*Catherine Chapman accepts her award from the LNI Knowledge Bowl administrators.*



Coach Burkelee Kenefick-Aschoff, top left, stands proudly with the Knowledge Bowl team: Catherine Chapman, Raymond Chapman, Wakiyan Shakespeare, Derrick Merrival, and Zaniyan Iron Horse all received honors for their intelligent participation in the LNI Knowledge Bowl competition.

# Art Show exhibits student work, appreciates talent



The Art Exhibit at LNI hosted many works of photography and art by area students. Above are a couple of examples of the Lakota Tech talent. The winner of the LNI 2022 Art Exhibit oil/pastel category was Nora Marshall. Nora will be leaving Lakota Tech for California next semester to attend Art School. Unfortunately, we do not have a picture of her winning artwork.

## Lakota Tech brings in rookie awards at LNI Poetry Slam

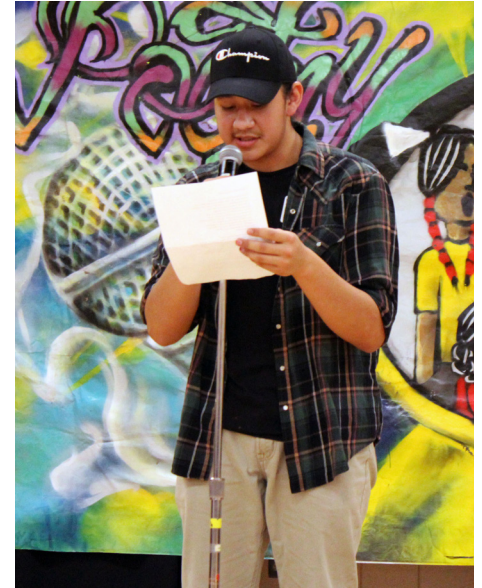
It takes a lot of nerves, bravery, and skill to face an audience while you stand in front of a microphone. Add to that anxiety, the idea that you are about to expose your vulnerability and allow that audience to hear your work of art, and you just might collapse.

It might be a poem, it might be a song, or it could be something the audience doesn't recognize.

Well, three young Lakota Tech gentlemen faced that battle with courage, talent, and vigorous determination not to pass out. Not all slammers at the LNI Poetry Slam survived. But these three came out on top.

### Poetry Slam Awards:

- Wakiyan - Zuya Lakota Rapper
- Mahpiya To - Mother Tongues
- Ampo - Lila Indigenous



*Although nervous at first, Mahpiya To pulled through and shared his very personal work of art with confidence.*

*Wakiyan Shakespeare, Mahpiya To Mesteth-Campos, and Ampo Red Cloud are proud to display their certificates they brought back from the Poetry Slam.*

## Lakota Tech enjoys handgames and drum group



## Lady T's fight a hard battle for second place



## LTTHS Archery boys and girls Genesis/HS comes in 2nd place

### Boys

Name	Score	Rank
Pollux Blacksmith	252	2
Jordan Ghost	237	3
Julian Rouillard	224	7
Jerich Thompson	149	16
Antoine Running Bear	109	18
Cody Provost	29	19

### Girls

Chloe Fire Thunder	125	19
Lakota Rogers	146	17

### Team Standing

LTTHS	906	2
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## Make some noise for sideline cheer team



*Cheer coach Misty Mousseaux and the team are full of pep and fight, and only break down when they get emotional, as they did when they received the Sportsmanship award at LNI.*



## Boys Basketball earns third place honor



*Playing as hard as they could, boys basketball won their first two games. They played against St. Francis, Custer, and White River.*



# LTHS conquers LNI wrestling

*Girls and Boys teams both take championship titles*

**LNI Tourney Champions:**  
**LTHS Tatanka - Boys and Girls**

## **Boys**

### **Individual 1st Place:**

Zaniyan Iron Eyes  
Kolt Fox

Derek Merrival

Antoine Running Bear

### **Individual 2nd Place:**

Mahpiya To Mesteth-Campos  
Jason Waln

Bruce Whalen

### **Individual 3rd Place:**

Joseph Brewer  
Mason Catches

Uziel Munoz

Cody Provost

### **Individual 4th Place:**

Bradley Chandler  
Tayne Puckett

### **Individual 5th Place:**

Keion Clifford  
Wakiyan Shakespeare  
Cass Waters

## **Girls**

### **Individual 1st Place:**

Eriah Big Crow  
Brandy Marshall  
Giada Scherich  
Arlissa Waln  
Jessica Waln  
Jordan Waln  
Cante White Bull

### **Individual 2nd Place:**

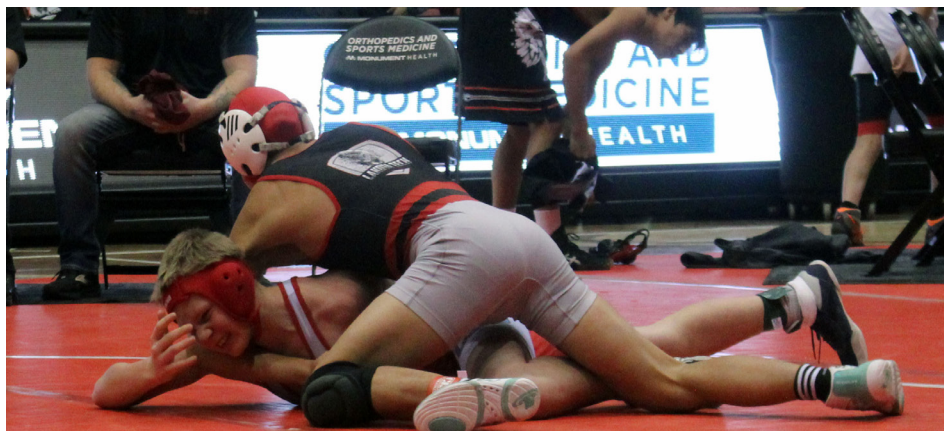
Aileanna Brewer  
Serenity Trueblood

### **Individual 4th Place:**

Lakota Rogers



*Jessica Waln annihilates her opponent and wins her first round. She took first place in the tournament.*



*Zaniyan Iron Eyes brings his opponent to tears as he prepares to toss him on his back and pin him.*



*The combined boys and girls wrestling team poses together with their LNI hoodies, medals and plates.*



*Sometimes you just have to battle it out amongst yourselves. Here Kolt Fox takes on teammate Mahpiya To Mesteth-Campos. Kolt got first place, while Mahpiya To took second.*





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