



# SUPERINTENDENT'S SHOUT OUT!



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## SHOUT OUTS/IN THE NEWS

- **East Allen Alternative School's** junior high students are attending a weekly outdoor leadership and communication program at Deer Run Wilderness Area this semester. This opportunity was made possible through a grant by the Schwab Foundation.
- **East Allen Career Center** had Mr. Andrew Sanders from the Jack Laurie Group come and share about overcoming obstacles in life. The students were inspired by Mr. Sanders' personal story of building a successful life and career despite many hardships.
- **East Allen University** Senior, Matthew Hodges, is a semi-finalist in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program. He is the second EAU student to earn this honor.
- **Heritage Jr./Sr. High School's** football coach, Casey Kolkman, was named the Indianapolis Colts/NFL Coach of the Week (for Week 4 [Region 3]).
- **Leo Junior High School** students participated in the Kindness Challenge through either a door decorating contest or a student-created public service announcement video. It was amazing to see the student creativity as they spread the message of kindness.
- **Leo High School's** Kindness Challenge is in full swing. Their students and staff are spreading kindness all over! [#kindnesschallenge](#) [#KindnessatLeo](#) [#LeoPride](#)
- **New Haven Junior High School** would like to give a shout out to Mr. Caffee and the band! They perform at a high level for every competition!
- **New Haven High School** wishes "good luck" to all the New Haven Bulldogs as they begin to compete in the IHSAA Tournament.
- **Paul Harding Junior High School** students pack 470 Boomerang Backpacks each week for students at Prince Chapman Academy and Southwick Elementary. The mission of Boomerang Backpacks is to nourish elementary students on weekends, by providing bags full of food for free, inspiring PHJH students to experience community service through project-based learning experiences.
- **Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School** is proud that Kaitlyn Gilbert and Ethan Vardaman were finalists for the RespectTeam's 360Award. RespectTeam 360Awards honor students for making a positive difference in their home, their school, and their community.

## Board Meeting Recognitions

At the September 18<sup>th</sup> board meeting, the Board of School Trustees recognized Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School sophomore, **Karina Pepler**, was adopted from a Russian orphanage as a baby. She was dismayed by all that was taking place in her "sister" country (Ukraine). She created the Salsa & Swag Fundraiser, partnering with her school and area businesses, selling bracelets and salsa, as a simple way to help raise money for Ukrainian orphans. Karina was able to raise \$1,500.00.

The Indiana Department of Education recently awarded Heritage Jr./Sr. High School the Excellence in Work-Based Learning award. This award recognizes a school that is providing students a leg up in their futures and in their chosen careers by providing access to high-quality work-based learning experiences. Specifically, it recognized a school with enrollment of at least 500 students that had the highest percentage of student work-based learning course completions in the 2020-2021 school year. This award also came with a grant of \$310,000 to be used to sustain and expand their work-based learning program.. On hand were **Ms. Erica Shovlin**, HEHS's vocational teacher, and principal **Mrs. Rebecca Christensen**.



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