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Superintendent's Message



Greetings Aviators,

It's that time of year again when we've said goodbye to the students for the summer and begin preparation for the year ahead. The students and teachers worked hard all year and deserve the summer off to enjoy the warm weather and all the season entails. As we head into the summer months, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the 2018-19 academic year. All I can say is it was truly the year of the Aviator.

I would like to congratulate the class of 2019. They have accomplished more than they realize in their last 13 years as students. They received \$1.9 million dollars in scholarships for both their academic and athletic accomplishments; this alone is astounding. I commend each and every graduate for their effort, dedication, determination

and perseverance during their time as an Aviator. I can't wait to see all they are going to accomplish in the coming years.

The triumphs of this year have been outstanding, particularly in the areas of academics, athletics and arts. This year, 18 graduates received full tuition scholarships through the Investment Alliance Scholarship program and the AllianceWorks Program. I am beyond proud of the 13 students who will be continuing their academic careers at the University of Mount Union through the Investment Alliance Scholarship Program and the five career and technical education students who will be furthering their education at Stark State through the AllianceWorks Program. Congratulations and good luck to each of these students.

In the arts, our hard-working staff has earned the prestigious "Best Community for Music Education" award. I am proud of our music department for upholding our belief that the arts are a key driver of student success.

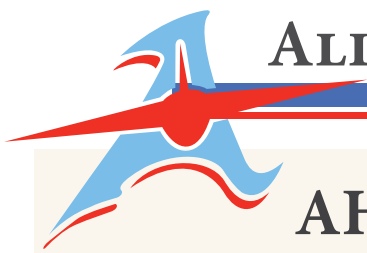
Our athletic teams finished out the year strong with many accomplishments. I would like to recognize the Alliance Middle School boys' and girls' track

and field team for winning their very first EBC Championship this year. What an accomplishment for our young Aviators! I can't wait to see what all you will do as you continue with the sport throughout middle school and at Alliance High School. The AHS boys' tennis team earned the EBC championship and the NET Championship this season. Congratulations to all the athletic teams for working hard during the 2018-2019 seasons and proving once again how talented you all are.

I am looking forward to the 2019-2020 academic year as we continue on a path toward excellence. This will be the year we strive more than ever to push ourselves to be the best we possibly can. Enjoy the rest of summer and thank you for continuing to support the Alliance Aviators in all they do. We wouldn't be successful without the support of our families and community members in Alliance.

As always, go Aviators!

Jeffery Talbert
Superintendent



AHS Honors Top 10% of Class of 2019

Alliance High School recognized the top 10 percent of the 2019 graduating class on May 8 during the 32nd Annual Academic Recognition Banquet.

During the banquet, 15 students were recognized for being varsity scholars and leading their class in academics. Each scholar was also able to recognize one teacher or staff member who encouraged them throughout their academic careers as their honored educator.

This year, the featured speaker was Charles Todd Diehl of the PTR Group. Diehl, a 1986 graduate of Alliance High School, spoke on his success and provided the students with advice that will last them throughout their lives.

"I want to remind you, this isn't the resting spot," Diehl said. "Keep using your mind, accept the challenges, put in the work and keep doing great things."

He went on to encourage the students to reach out for help when they fall short because it is part of life. Moreover, Diehl reminded the graduating seniors that they will always have someone there, especially their parents, who will help them to succeed.

Tony Sokol acted as the master of ceremonies for the event. He introduced each of the scholars, read their biography and introduced the scholars' parents and honored educators. Each student was presented with a certificate, a varsity letter and a check for their academic success.

Along with the presentation by Diehl, the students heard from many speakers throughout the evening including Superintendent Jeffery Talbert, Mayor Alan Andreani, Principal Shawn Jackson, Mount Union's President Richard Merriman, the Alliance High School Foundation's President Patrick Hedleston and Scott Whetstone of the Klusch Foundation.

"Once an Aviator, always an Aviator," Talbert told the scholars as he wished them luck on their future endeavors.



Gabriel Baker, Alexandra Cox, Cameron Cox, Leeah Dulaney, Adam Hale, Giavonna Hill, Nadia Holderfield, Jarek Leonard, Brandon Mazzei, Jessica Pisoni, Madison Serrano, Seth Stevens, Allison Waggoner, Alivia Williamson and Anna Zumber

Recognizing the 2019 Teacher and Rookie Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to the ACS Teacher of the Year and Rookie Teacher of the Year.

Billie Muller was recognized as the Teacher of the Year for her work at Rockhill Elementary. Muller is a first-grade teacher who is dedicated to watching her students succeed and coming up with new and creative ways to keep them engaged and interested. She was nominated by Principal Michelle Balderson for her willingness to go above and beyond what is asked of her.

Jennifer Armstead was recognized as this year's Rookie Teacher of the

Year for her upbeat and inspiring attitude while teaching American Sign Language (ASL) to students at Alliance High School. She is caring and works every day to teach her students about ASL and the culture of the language. She connects with her students and encourages them every single day.

Both teachers were honored at the Education Celebration held by the Stark County Educational Service Center. Thank you, Mrs. Muller and Mrs. Armstead, for all you do for the students at ACS!



Billie Muller



Jennifer Armstead

ACS Welding Students Sign on with Local Employers

On May 13, seven graduating seniors in the welding program took part in a career signing day, with six students accepting employment opportunities with MAC Trailer and one student accepting employment with Carnation Design. Congratulations to Ethan Lilley, Dakota Kirksey, Austin Graham, Dakota Bonham, Richard Elliott and Chris Scott on their employment at MAC Trailer and to Jordan Kovacich for his employment with Carnation Design. These students embody the ideals of the Career and Tech department and show success can be found through many different paths. ACS would like to wish these dedicated students the best of luck as they move into their new careers!



Austin Graham



Chris Scott



Dakota Bonham



Richard Elliott



Dakota Kirksey



Ethan Lilley



Jordan Kovacich

AHS Introduces New Phone Policy

As with all new technology, electronic devices (cell phones, laptops, tablets, etc.) have proven to be beneficial while in the appropriate setting, but school is often not the appropriate time to use these devices. The administration at Alliance High School sent out a series of surveys for the staff to gather information on the benefits and downfalls of allowing electronic devices in the school setting.

The new policy for the 2019-2020 school year is as detailed below:

Electronic devices are not permitted for use during the school day, which includes study halls, in the hallway and in restrooms. The only time devices are allowed is at the students' assigned lunch time and in the main lobby or study commons during their study hall time. Prior to leaving the study hall, all devices must be turned off and out of sight.

If a student is caught with an electronic device, they will be asked to give it to the faculty member. There are two tracks for disciplinary actions:

Track 1 - The student gives the device to the faculty member when asked.

- 1st: Verbal warning and phone returned by administration at end of day
- 2nd: Twilight School and phone returned by administration at end of day

- 3rd: Twilight School and administration holds phone until parent picks it up
- 4th: Two days of SIL and administration holds phone until parent picks it up
- 5th+: Principal's discretion

Track 2 - The student refuses to give the faculty member the device when asked.

- 1st: Out of School Suspension (OSS) - 1 day
- 2nd: OSS - 3 days
- 3rd: OSS - 5 days with principal hearing
- 4th+: OSS - 10 days with expulsion hearing

At Alliance Middle School, students are not permitted to have their electronic devices. All devices should be silenced and placed in their lockers at all time.

The district wants to encourage the use of technology in an appropriate setting, but the classroom is not the time nor place for students to be distracted by the devices. The policies in place will allow the students to learn and grow using the approved technology without the added distractions of personal electronic devices.

Class of 2019



\$1.9 Million Awarded in Scholarships

Alliance High School hosted the annual Senior Scholarship Night on May 7 with 42 soon-to-be graduates receiving more than \$1.9 million in local scholarships.

The Alliance High School Foundation gave over \$105,000 to select students bringing their total number of scholarships to over \$1.4 million since its founding.

This year there were five new scholarships awarded: the AHS Foundation Coastal Pet/Stout Family Scholarships for Career Tech Students, the AHS Foundation Class of 1968 Scholarship, the Frank Mancini Scholarship, the AHS Foundation Reighart Scholarship and the Steve Lab Auto Tech Professionals Scholarship.

For many of the students, they received full tuition scholarships through two local programs. The Investment Alliance Scholarship was awarded to 13 seniors who have chosen to attend the University of Mount Union in the fall. The recipients are Seth Stevens, Adam Hale, Allison Waggoner, Brandon Mazzei, Jarek Leonard, Cameron Cox, Gabriel Baker, Gavin Geir, Madison Serrano, Leeah Dulaney, Jessica Pisoni, Anna Zumbar and Alexandra Cox. The AllianceWorks Scholarship provides graduating seniors who completed a career and tech program at AHS with a two-year, full-tuition scholarship to Stark State. This year, the recipients of the Alliance Works Scholarship are William Kinser, Dominic Bertolini, Siearra Nagle, Merisa Howell and Kylee King.

Congratulations to all the scholarship recipients!

Academic Highlights:

- The Class of 2019 graduated 191 students
- National Honor Society inducted 36 new members
- Auto-Tech and Sports Medicine received 100% passage rates
- Cosmetology had a 100% passage rate on the State Boards



- Eighth grader Jordan Schwartz competed in the Scripps National Spelling Bee, the first ACS student since 1972
- Sophomore Julia Schwartz earned a perfect score of 36 on the ACT



Athletic Highlights:

- The varsity football team, varsity basketball team, boys' bowling team and boys' tennis teams all earned EBC championships
- The boys' tennis team won the NET championship
- Cameron Cox was named a National Football Foundation Scholar Athlete
- The boys swim team had five members attend the state swim meet where Will Rose won two state championships

In the Arts Highlights:

- ACS was named a "Best Community for Music Education" this year
- AHS hosted the inaugural Royal Aviation Show Choir Competition in January
- Eighth grader Haylie Vance had her artwork featured at the Ohio House of Representatives Student Exhibition

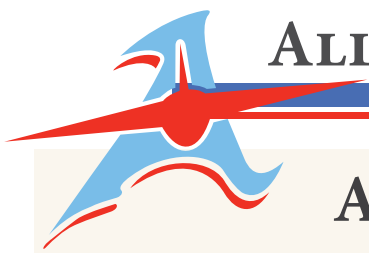
Military:

- Megan Brookes - Air Force National Guard
- Jordan Grandon - National Guard
- Devyn Jones - Air Force
- Reginald Wooten - Army
- Seandalin Jones - National Guard
- Lindsay Carpenter - National Guard
- Demarko Brooks - National Guard
- Austin Blair - National Guard

Top 10 Students:

Anna Zumar, Alexandra Cox, Madison Serrano, Leeah Dulaney, Alivia Williamson, Allison Waggoner, Jarek Leonard, Adam Hale, Cameron Cox and Seth Stevens





Alumni Spotlight: Howard Frazier

A member of the class of 2018, Howard Frazier, has found success at John Carroll University during his first year of college.

“My first year was exciting and full of new experiences,” Howard said. “I met a bunch of awesome people from all over the country.”

College can often be a major adjustment period for students, but for Howard, it was an opportunity to learn independence and to take control.

“College definitely places a lot more of the impetus on the student because living away from home, you’re sort of forced to be more independent,” he said. “But I think the newfound independence is a good thing. It forces you to ‘buckle-down’

in a sense and take control of your time.”

Howard is grateful for the experiences he had at Alliance High School that helped to prepare him for his transition to college. Being able to take AP and College Credit Plus courses allowed him to transfer in more credits than his classmates at JCU and skip many of his intro-level classes.

“I think that the teachers at AHS do a great job of introducing students to the increased rigor of the work at the college level,” he explained. “There’s always going to be an adjustment, but they helped to make that transition as smooth as possible.”

One of the hardest obstacles Howard had to overcome in

his first year was time management. The amount of free time in college can be a “double-edged sword,” as he put it. He had to learn to map out his days to ensure he stayed on track and completed his work. He found it easier to stay on track during the football season when he had less free time. Becoming acquainted with Google Calendar also helped him to manage his time.

Howard offered a word of advice for the class of 2019: “Heading into their freshman year of college, I would tell students to not be overwhelmed by the academic side of the college experience. It’s a chance to meet, and essentially live with, friends that you’ll have for a lifetime. The diversity and



opportunity for broadening experiences you have are super exciting, as well.”

Len Dawson Field Receives Much Needed Updates

After much deliberation this year, Len Dawson Field is in the process of being updated to better meet the needs of the Alliance City Schools athletic teams.

The updates, which started on April 22, include a synthetic turf field, new track and four new LED light fixtures installed around the field. The new turf surface will provide the high school football team with a safe practice field and a great playing field for the JV football team that aligns with the fields other districts in the

EBC play on. The field will also be used as a secondary location for middle school football games and as an alternative site for the AHS soccer teams.

Along with being a viable playing and practice field, the new turf is safer and will decrease the number of sports-related injuries that occur when playing on a sod field, the type of field Len Dawson previously had.

The previous track was in desperate need of replacement. Al-

liance was unable to host meets this track season due to the poor condition of the track. The AMS and AHS athletes will now have a brand-new track to use that will allow them to host meets once again during the 2019-2020 academic year.

“So far, the project is going well and is on schedule,” said Nick Cowles, director of operations.

This has been a big project and it is expected to be complete by August 1, well before the start of

the next academic year.

“We appreciate the support that we’ve received for the project and we are very excited that we can give our students an athletic venue to be proud of and use for many years to come,” Cowles said.

The Alliance City School District is proud to offer state of the art facilities for students, and updating Len Dawson is just one of the ways the district can provide the best opportunities for all.

Administration Changes for 2019-2020 School Year

Alliance City Schools recently approved changes to the administrative positions at a number of buildings.

A new assistant principal position has been approved for Alliance High School. Tina Arbitter, former principal of Success Academy, will be taking on the newly created position at AHS.

Derrick Showell will be the new lead teacher at Success Academy upon the approval of the Board of Education at the June BOE meeting.

At Alliance Middle School, the dean of students position and the coordinating position for the International Baccalaureate program have evolved to become grade level principal positions. Andrew Toth, the current IB coordinator, will be taking over one of the grade level principal positions. The second grade level principal position will be filled by Matthew Bobola upon board approval at the June BOE meeting.

Gregory Gemberling, the long-time educator and dean of students at AMS, will be taking over the position as director of adult education at the Alliance Career Center following the retirement of Debra McKee.

The administrative structure of the elementary schools will be changing for the 2019-2020 academic year to ensure equal opportunity for all students in the district. Michelle Balderson will step into the newly created position of primary elementary principal. She will oversee both Rockhill and Parkway. Current principal, Cory Muller, will remain as the building principal at Parkway.

“With this move, we hope to ensure equal programming and opportunities for all students in first through third grade while providing additional support for teachers, support staff, students and parents,” said Superintendent Jeffery Talbert.

Wendy Hubbard will be the building principal at

Rockhill upon board approval at the June BOE meeting.

“While all the discussed positions are new, they do not add to the overall staffing number,” Talbert said. “We have repurposed the positions to add support in the necessary areas.”

The goal of the Alliance City School District is to prepare the students for life, college and careers and the addition of these positions will allow the teachers and the administrators to prepare the students to the best of their abilities at each of the school buildings.

2019 Alliance City School District Retirees

Congratulations to the following individuals as they celebrate their retirement. Thank you for all you have done to make ACS the best place for students to learn and grow. You will always be a treasured part of the Aviator team and you will be missed dearly!

Don Bell

Head Custodian at Alliance High School

Sue Mani

Physical Education Teacher at Alliance Middle School

Steve Carman

Industrial Arts Teacher at Alliance High School

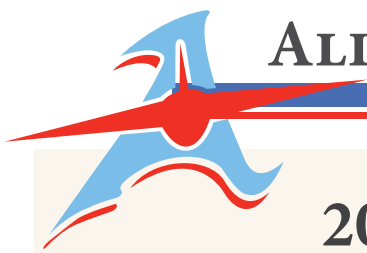
AnnaMae Searfoss

Reading Coach and Teacher at Rockhill Elementary

Deb McKee

Supervisor of Special Programs at Alliance Career Center





2019-2020 Start and End Times:

Alliance High School

Start - 7:48 a.m.

End - 2:30 p.m.

Alliance Middle School

Start - 7:20 a.m.

End - 2:20 p.m.

Northside Intermediate School

Start - 8 a.m.

End - 3 p.m.

Parkway Elementary

Start - 8:45 a.m.

End - 3:20 p.m.

Rockhill Elementary

Start - 8:45 a.m.

End - 3:20 p.m.

Alliance Early Learning School

Kindergarten

Start - 9:05 a.m.

End - 3:45 p.m.

Morning Preschool

Start - 9:05 a.m.

End - 11:50 p.m.

Afternoon Preschool

Start - 1 p.m.

End - 3:45 p.m.

Success Academy

Start - 8 a.m.

End - 2 p.m.

Enroll Now!

Alliance Career Center Programs

Alliance Career Center is now enrolling for fall courses including cosmetology, licensed practical nursing, medical assisting, STNA, welding and pipe welding. There are scholarships available to help you reach your next career goal in life.

Call 330-829-2267 for more information or to schedule a tour!

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Visit www.accrtw.org or call 330-829-2267 to register.

