



Inside Track

A Model District Where Students Want To Be Home of the Railroaders!

Congratulations to our 2016 Top Seniors!



Jason Cottrell is the son of Jeany and Aaron Cottrell. Jason is currently enrolled in BMA, AP English, AP Calculus, AP US History, AP World History, Independent Physics and Symphonic Band. Jason has served the community through volunteering at the Union Depot and tutoring elementary school students. He was the section leader of the Durand Drumline and served as a team leader of the FIRST Robotics team. This year, Jason was named as a National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalist. He has earned the academic excellence award for four years. Jason will be attending the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and plans to major in nuclear engineering and radiological sciences.



Janelle DeClerg is the daughter of Bert and Margie DeClerg. Janelle is currently enrolled in Madrigals, BMA, AP English, Physics, Mechanical Technology, Independent Learn, Lead and Teach, AP Calculus and Choir. She has been active serving the community through tutoring elementary students and helping at the Eastern Michigan Food Bank. Janelle's leadership experiences include serving as President of the National Honor Society, President of the Student Government Class of 2016, President of the Antrim/ Burns 4-H, Vice President of our FFA chapter, and participating in FFA conferences and conventions. Through her extensive commitment to FFA, Janelle earned Greenhand recognition, Chapter State Degrees, and Outstanding Junior Academic Excellence Gold, Bronze and Silver. Janelle was recognized as a GAC Scholar Athlete and a Rotary Student of the Month. Janelle will attend Michigan State University to study agricultural education.



Tatianna Fraley is the daughter of Christena and Kurt Fraley. She is currently enrolled in Latin, AP English, BMA, Symphonic and Concert Band, Sociology, Trigonometry and Political Science. Tatianna was active at DHS while participating as a member of the National Honor Society, Destination Imagination team, Marching Band, Quiz Bowl team, Bowling team, Golf team, and Student Government. She developed her leadership skills as trombone section leader, Student Government Class of 2016 President, and Student Government Executive President. Tatianna has earned the academic excellence award for four years and was recognized as a Railroader of the Month. Tatianna plans on attending the University Of Michigan in Ann Arbor to major in philosophy, politics, and economics.



Daniel Greeson is the son of Charles and Linda Greeson. Daniel is currently enrolled in Madrigals, AP Statistics, AP Calculus BC, Physics, Symphonic Band, BMA, Introduction to Engineering Design and Choir. This year, Daniel was named a National Merit Scholarship Finalist. Daniel has extensively served the community through tutoring, providing Flute/Piano lessons, and volunteering at concessions, the Bancroft Food Pantry, and researching the archives at the Durand Union Station Railroad History Museum. While at DHS, he was quite involved in the school community as he served as marching band flute section leader, Spanish Club President, Student Government Senator, Student Government Vice President, National Honor Society Vice President, Destination Imagination Global Finals qualifying team member and Quiz Bowl Team Captain. Daniel earned a 1 rating at District and State Solo and Ensemble for Flute, Superior ratings at Junior Festival for Piano, earned a Graduating Senior First Place in the Owosso Musicales Competition. He was named a member of the Spartan Youth Wind Symphony and the All-State Choir. He earned an academic excellence award for four years and was recognized as a Rotary Student of the Month. Daniel plans to study statistics and probability at Michigan State University.



Kayli Konarski is the daughter of Chelsea and Gary Warren and David Konarski. She is currently enrolled in Dramatic Literature, Financial Literacy, Novels, Anatomy and Physiology, Publications, AP Calculus, Choir and Madrigals. During her time at DHS, Kayli volunteered through the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, tutoring, blood drives, and taking tickets at sporting events and other school sponsored activities. Kayli developed her leadership skills as Student Government Vice President and Executive Board Vice President, National Honor Society membership, Choir section leader, Madrigals, and Kathy's School of Dance Elite Dancer. She earned academic excellence awards all four years, varsity letters in POMS, Choir and Academics, and MVP in POMS her freshman year. Kayli will attend Theater Arts Preparatory School in Las Vegas and pursue a career in dance.



Cameron Koons is the son of Steve and Michelle Koons. Cameron is currently enrolled in Psychology, AP English, Physics, Wood Tech, Publications, AP Calculus and Strength and Conditioning. Cameron served the community through tutoring, volunteering at the MSU sports concessions, participating as a Pancakes for Santa Volunteer, Parent Teacher Conferences, Triple Threat membership, and National Honor Society participation. He served two years as varsity basketball captain, varsity soccer captain and a GAC Leadership Summit Representative. Cameron earned an academic excellence award for four years, was First Team All-Conference in soccer and was named All-Conference in basketball. He was recognized as a GAC Scholar Athlete. Cameron plans to pursue a career in medicine at Michigan State University.



Allison Luchenbill is the daughter of Scott and Karla Luchenbill. She is currently enrolled in BMA, Agribusiness, Sociology, Choir, AP Calculus, Symphonic Band and AP English. Through her involvement in the community, Allison served others through tutoring, ticket taking for sporting events, food re-distribution at the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, helping at community events at her church and the Pancakes with Santa event, as well as other National Honor Society related activities. Allison had many opportunities to demonstrate her leadership abilities as Drum Major, FFA Chapter President, FFA Region IV Vice President, 4-H Club President, JV Softball Captain, Student Government Officer, and First Chair Saxophonist. She has been recognized for her state level competition achievements at FFA contests, received Academic Excellence Awards, earned an FFA Greenhand Award, received an FFA Outstanding Junior Award, earned FFA chapter state degrees, Student of the Month, and FFA Academic Awards. Allison will attend Michigan State University to study comparative cultures and politics.



Sophie Pawloski is the daughter of Amanda and Jason Pawloski. Sophie is currently enrolled in Arts and Crafts, AP English, BMA, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, AP Calculus, Online Anatomy and Physiology. Sophie has participated as a Dancer at Kathy's School of Dance, Durand Varsity Cheer, as a member of the National Honor Society and percussion in Marching and Symphonic Band. She served the community through assistant teaching at Kathy's School of Dance, Rotary Youth Leadership Camp and Band President. She was selected as Railroad Days Queen 2016. Sophie plans to attend Michigan Technological University and major in biomedical engineering.



Cole Szakal is the son of Andrew and Laura Szakal. He is currently enrolled in Arts and Crafts, AP English, Health Science Academy, AP Calculus and Strength and Conditioning. Cole has served the community as a volunteer at high school sporting events, a participant with the MSU meet the team, volunteering at Memorial Hospital and through the National Honor Society. Cole was named 2016 Winterfest Prince. He earned varsity letters in Soccer, Track and Cross Country and National Honor Society. He was named the Captain of the Boys' Track Team this year. Cole will attend Central Michigan University to earn a medical degree.



Brittany Tillman is the daughter of Kurt and Glenna Tillman. She is currently enrolled in Psychology, Senior Leader in PE, Novels, Online Film Studies, Botany, Accounting and Strength and Conditioning. Brittany was active in the community and at DHS through National Honor Society, FFA, JV Volleyball, varsity girls soccer, Antrim/Burns 4-H Club, volunteer at various high school sporting events as well as volunteer at her church's food pantry (Saint Mary's Church of Durand). Brittany was team captain of her travel soccer team, team Captain of JV volleyball, and co-captain of the varsity soccer team. Brittany has earned an academic excellence award for four years, Academic All-State, Shiawassee Scholars recognition, GAC Honorable Mention, and MHSSCA All-District Team. Brittany will attend Alma College and major in biology/pre-optometry.



Lauren Pletscher is the daughter of Clayton and Kristen Pletscher. Lauren is currently enrolled in Psychology, AP English Lit, BMA, Environmental Science, Publications, AP Calculus, Choir and Madrigals. Lauren has served the community through the Swartz Creek annual spring park clean up, tutoring, various volunteer activities through the National Honor Society and Madrigals, and was a camp counselor for the "Love to Play" youth softball camp. Lauren developed her leadership skills through the 2015 Metro League Leadership Conference, as a participant in NHS, volleyball team captain, captain of travel softball team (Finesse Fast pitch) and took part in the Kettering University "Women in Technology and Engineering" Summer Camp. Lauren was a two time Metro League Scholar Athlete. Lauren will attend Oakland University Honors College and major in actuarial science.



May Students of the Month

The following students were chosen by staff members as Railroaders of the Month for May. Congratulations to 8th grader Tracy Slieff, 9th grader Joshua Austin, 10th grader Dovie Jones, 11th grader Cassandra Bright, and 12th grader Paul Kamm.