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DUNCANVILLE Independent School District

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District Website is Down

The district's website continues to be unavailable because of a virus that affected an off-site server. Technicians are working to restore service as soon as possible. Some of the links in this newsletter will not work until the website is restored.

Seniors Receive Appointments to U.S. Naval Academy

DHS Automotive Program Receives \$10,000 Grant



Duncanville High School's Automotive Technology Program was recently awarded a \$10,000 "Real Tools for Schools" grant by Ingersoll Rand. The grant will allow instructors at DHS to purchase necessary curriculum, tools and machinery to keep the program competitive with the latest technology.



Caleb Griffith

Two Duncanville High School seniors recently received prestigious appointments to the United States Naval Academy. The young men will receive their college education while serving their country.

Caleb Griffith received appointments to West Point and the Coast Guard, but said he chose the Naval Academy after extensive research to see which institution historically produced the greatest number of astronauts. His heart is set on becoming a pilot in the Navy and then being selected to the astronaut program. Caleb said he's looking forward to the adventure.

"It's just pushing the limits and doing something

extraordinary," Caleb said.

Caleb joined the DHS swim team so he could prepare for his eventual career in the Navy. Without any formal training, he made the varsity team the summer before his senior year and placed high enough in district competition in freestyle to go on to regionals. Caleb says Coach Stephanie Bernier made all the difference for him.

"I want to give a lot of credit to my coach – the physical aspect – that's what I struggled with most," Caleb said. "With her help and training, that definitely prepared me."



Students enrolled in the automotive program at DHS can complete the Automotive Service Excellence Student Certification (ASE) and directly enter the workforce following graduation. Automotive instructor Johnny Burkett said he plans to add curriculum to provide additional certifications for his students and to purchase tools currently being used in the automotive industry. "It definitely gives them more of an advantage coming out of high school," Burkett said. "It opens more doors for them."

Upcoming Events:

Relay for Life of Best Southwest, May 20, 2016

benefiting the American Cancer Society. Contact Gloria Lockhart at:

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. More information [here](#).

Retirement Reception honoring Linda Sorenson, Tuesday, May 31, 4:00 p.m., Merrifield Elementary School, 102 E.

Duncanville High School Class of 2016 Graduation, May 31, 7:30 p.m., Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center, Dallas.

Jared McCullough's love of soccer helped him earn an opportunity to attend the Naval Academy. While playing for a club team, he met a coach who recruited him to come play for the U.S. Navy.

Jared McCullough

Jared says the rigor of his courses at DHS, particularly his Biology class with Bill Groene, prepared him for the academics he'll study in college.

"His class was so hard," Jared said. "This was my first time actually studying for a class and doing homework at home. He pushed me and I really appreciate that."

Jared intends to major in engineering with plans to join the Navy's Civil Engineering Corps which is responsible for overseeing the planning, design, acquisition, construction, operation, and maintenance of the Navy's shore facilities.



Technology Team Cheers On Students Taking STAAR Test



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