

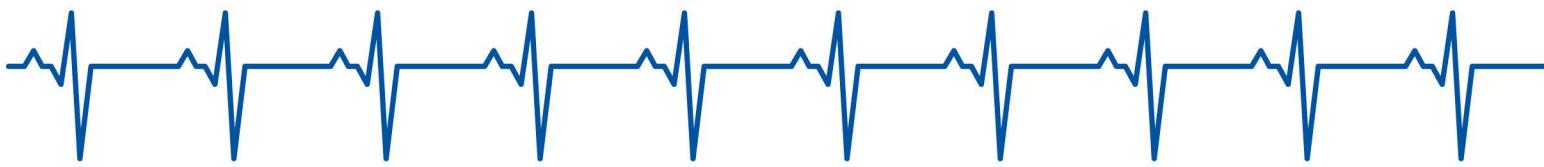


# The Patriot Pulse



## Tri-Village Local Schools

December 2014



### National Honor Society

On Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> the Tri-Village Local School District inducted eleven new members into the National Honor Society. Superintendent of schools, Mr. Josh Sagester, commenced our induction ceremony.



The current National Honor Society members along with Principal Morris described the purpose of the Society followed by the lighting of candles signifying character, service, leadership and scholarship. The eleven members inducted into the 2014-2015 NHS consisted of four seniors, four juniors, and three sophomores. Following the ceremony the new inductees and their families were invited to a reception sponsored by the district to celebrate the students remarkable accomplishment.

Front Row: Riley Hollinger, Alex Bietry, Raya Mikesell, Jenna Cline, Trent Laux, Courtney Osborne, Zach Bevins  
Back Row: (New Inductees) Gabe Watern, Rachel Fickert, Casey Puckett, Keenan Fraylick, Skylar Spotts, Kaylor Pearson, Alisha Hollinger, Shelby Holzapfel, Brooke Koons, Samantha Holzapfel, Paige Sloan

### National FFA Convention

The 87<sup>th</sup> National FFA Convention was held in Louisville Kentucky October 29 – November 1, 2014. This year's theme was "Go All Out" and was attended by more than 60,000 FFA members, teachers, and guests from across the country. The four-day convention included motivational speaker, National Agricultural Career Show, National Officer Retiring Addresses, Award Presentations and the installation of six newly elected National Officers.

This year there were fifteen members from Tri-Village in attendance for the three day trip October 29-31. These members were then able to take the information learned and bring it back to share with the rest of the FFA chapter.

The convention was packed with loads of highlights for the Tri-Village-MVCTC FFA members. Some of the highlights for the students included hearing retiring addresses from National Officers who shared how the FFA and Agricultural Education made a positive influence in their lives. Members also heard from nationally renowned motivational speaker Nick Vujici. Mr. Vujici was able to use his experience and stories to encourage the students to see the best in others and to do their best when dealing with adversity.

In between a busy convention schedule, students were able to attend the Annual FFA National Career Show in the Kentucky Convention Center. The career show hosted more than 400 booths from a variety of colleges, agricultural-related companies, fundraising organization, U.S. Armed Services and auto and truck manufacturers.

The knowledge and experiences gained by members in attendance for the National Convention was extraordinary. These members saw agriculture from a national perspective and met FFA members from every corner of the country. These Tri-Village-MVCTC members will keep what they learned for a lifetime and will be able to share their experiences with their classmates. - Written by: Alisha Hollinger, Reporter.



# Spelling Bee



Students in grades 3-8 took part in our annual district Spelling Bee on Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. The Elementary Bee consisted of students in grades 3-5. This year's champion was Torie Richards while our runner up was Maddie Bennett. Torie is a 4<sup>th</sup> grade student and will represent the district in the County Bee on Thursday January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 at 1:00 pm at Mississinawa Valley.

Our Junior High Bee took place on the same day in the afternoon. The Junior High Bee consisted of students in grades 6-8. This year's Junior High champion was Elijah Driver while our runner up was Darren Callihan. Elijah is a 7<sup>th</sup> grade student who like Torie, will represent the district as well in the County Bee at Mississinawa Valley.



Torie Richards &  
Maddie Bennett

Elijah Driver &  
Darren Callihan,

## Athletic Records

We are researching the athletic history in the following sports: Volleyball, Golf, Soccer, Cross Country, Wrestling, Baseball, and Softball. If you have any historic information, please contact Mr. Gray at [www.brad\\_gray@darke.k12.oh.us](mailto:www.brad_gray@darke.k12.oh.us).

## Calamity Days

Just a friendly reminder that because we ratified a new collective bargaining agreement prior to July 1, 2014 we still operate under the "old" calamity day system. As of today, we have four days left and then have our three blizzard bags to use.

## Veterans Day Breakfast

The Tri-Village MVCTC FFA Officer Team along with other TV student organizations prepared a breakfast for the area veterans on Veterans Day. The officers took great pride in being able to give some of their time to the veterans that have given so much to our country.



## Patriots Bill Burkett Tournament Champions



### Upcoming Events

No School  
December 22nd - January 2nd

School Resumes  
January 5, 2015

No School  
January 16 and Jan 19th

Early Release  
February 11, 2015 @ 1:15 p.m.