

News Briefs

Flossmoor Hills student has winning art work

Flossmoor Hills School fifth-grader Daleia Muhammad-Walker was one of only four Illinois students chosen as winners of the 2022 Junior Historians Art Contest sponsored by the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum and the Illinois State Board of Education.

Her work won in the Grades 3-5 category and depicted a nature scene.

NAACP 43rd Freedom Fund luncheon is June 12



Rev. Andrew D. Singleton Jr.

The NAACP Chicago Far-South Suburban Branch is hosting its 43rd Anniversary Freedom Fund Luncheon from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 12, at Glenwoodie Golf Course. Proceeds from the luncheon fund its scholarship program and advocacy for civil rights and voting rights.

Keynote speaker will be Rev. Andrew D. Singleton Jr., senior pastor of Victory Apostolic Church in Matteson. The group will honor Singleton and Ami Gandhi, senior counsel, Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$75. For additional information, contact Donald McGruder at dmcgruder@naacpcfssb.org or at 773-490-1120.

Ben Herman on Flossmoor's Zoning board

Flossmoor Mayor Michelle Nelson appointed Ben Herman to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Herman is an 18-year resident of Flossmoor with real estate and public service experience. The village board voted unanimously to approve the appointment.

D161 staffers given Those Who Excel awards

Flossmoor District 161 staff members received Those Who Excel awards from the Illinois State Board of Education in March.

Linda O'Dwyer, a teacher at Parker Junior High, won in the Classroom Teacher category.

Julie Huisman, a special education paraprofessional, won in the Educational Service Personnel category.

Volunteer Saleem Siddiqui won in the Community Member category.

The district's nursing department staff won in the Team category, and supervising nurse Kathy Knawa was the Lifechanger of the Year award nominee.

James Hart NJHS inducts 44 members

The National Junior Honor Society at James Hart School inducted 44 new members during a ceremony April 11.

The seventh and eighth graders were selected for their academic standing and their volunteer efforts at school and in the community.

The 2022 new members are eighth graders Jordin Bates, De'Aunta Burns, Sanai McBride, Keri McElroy, Nia McGowan, Dannen Rose and Dakota Weglarz.

Inducted seventh graders are Lilia Abramczyk, Miriam Attakorah, Joshua Bloomberg, William Bundy, Sophia Chan, Jaylen Cox, Jordan Culbreath, Anna Dedo, Dylan Denmark, Philip Dickey, Kaci Figures, Sydney Flaherty, Kent Flores.

Genevieve Harding, Kendall Hardy, Sawyer Horcher, Ashton Jones, Paris Jones, Rachel Latman, Morgan Lawrence, Gehrig Lucas, Mia Martinez, Brianna Merrill.

Lily Norder, Makinley O'Neal, Eythan Poku, Aurora Ramos, Justin Reed, Jesse Rickabaugh, Ja Kayla Roper, Jannah Roper, Rico Talavera, Alexandria Thomaston, Lydia Vargo, Lee Watkins, Adekemi Williamson, Myles Wright.

The National Junior Honor Society officers are Cassidy Cage, president; Jahnahn Webster, vice president; Kayden Bracey, treasurer; Caleb Stamps, secretary; Lilianna Trinidad, historian.

H-F High gets Community Partnership Grant

Homewood-Flossmoor High School was one of 136 Illinois educational institutions, both public and private, to be awarded a \$365,000 Community Partnership Grant. The funds will be used to help students with social/emotional needs, especially those who need help in academics. The funding will help the district cover costs for an evening program for tutoring, and meetings with social workers and counselors.

The school also received a \$20,900 American Rescue Plan grant to support homeless students. The district will use the money for transportation costs.

School District 161 Meeting Notice

On Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 3:00 PM, a meeting conducted by Flossmoor School District 161 will take place by Zoom Conferencing. The Zoom link can be found on the district website at www.sd161.org under the Student Support Services Department.

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the district's plans for providing special education services to students with disabilities who attend private schools and home schools within the district for the 2022-23 school year. If you are a parent of a private school or home-schooled student who has been or may be identified with a disability you are invited to attend.

If you have further questions pertaining to this meeting, please contact Jackie Janicke, Director of Special Education, 708-647-7028 or jjanicke@sd161.org.



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