



# Fourth Baptist Christian School

# Warrior Newsletter

Christ-Centered Academic Excellence!

Mission Statement

*Fourth Baptist Christian School, as a ministry of Fourth Baptist Church, is committed to the development of a student's spiritual life in Jesus Christ, while pursuing academic excellence in a manner which honors and glorifies God, based on the only infallible Word, the Bible.*

## A Few Thoughts About Social Justice

by Mr. Alan J. Hodak

In our culture today, we are hearing more and more about social justice. What is social justice? Is there a real movement in our culture and are we seeing it in our public school system? The answer to both questions is "yes," but the problem is that the definition of the term is complicated and confusing. I would guess that if we were to ask people on the street to define the term, we would get a number of different answers. So let's try to define the term based on what we are hearing and reading.

The definition of social justice is as follows: "It is a political and philosophical concept which holds that all people should have equal access to wealth, health, well-being, justice, and opportunity" (Investopedia). Cultural examples of social injustice would include discrimination issues, ageism (prejudice or discrimination based on a person's age), and homophobia (dislike or prejudice against homosexual people) and could be expanded to include unfair labor practices, racial discrimination, gender discrimination, gender orientation, and ethnicity.

Because so many public school districts are going to a social justice curriculum, elements of the curriculum design for many elementary programs include six basic elements that are intertwined into all aspects of the curriculum. These would include (and are not necessarily limited to) 1. Self-love and Knowledge, 2. Respect for Others; 3. Issues of Social Injustice; 4. Social Movements and Social Change;

5. Awareness Raising; 6. Social Action (Picower, pp. 4-5).

Before I go on, I want to stop for a moment and share something that I recently taught in chapel. Satan is the father of lies. When he deceived Eve in the Garden, he lied to her – Satan told her that if she ate of the forbidden fruit, she would not die (Genesis 3:4). The truth is that she would physically die as a result of her disobedience to God. She would have lived in an eternal state, from that time forward, in sweet fellowship with God. But because of her sin, and that of her husband, the consequences of the curse of sin directly affected them and all who came after. Adam and Eve did die a physical death (one of a number of consequences to their sin). But there was an element of truth involved which aided Satan in his deception. In many of our world philosophies, there is an element of truth and we must be discerning about it. Is it truth, according to the Word of God, or is it shrouded in deception and lies? But the problem with social justice is how far away from the truth it can be taken, what is taught to be truth, and where it will lead our young people and ultimately our culture.

The Christian culture we have known (as adults) all our lives is no longer the worldview we find in our school systems. In fact, we are hard-pressed to find it anywhere in our government-run institutions. Social change is taking place before our eyes

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### FUNDRAISING NEWS . . . . .

We submitted just over \$280 worth of **Box Tops for Education** at the end of October. This is lower than we usually submit so please keep clipping those Box Tops! These monies continue to fund our elementary merit trips and elementary gym equipment. We appreciate our families and grandparents who regularly help us. We will do another Box Tops collection drive in January/February.



Many of you purchased a **Christmas wreath** from the 9th graders this fall. Thank you so much for your support of FBCS!



**AND MANY MORE...**

### Scrip

**Fundraising—Plan ahead and order your Christmas gift cards from scrip!** These make great teacher gifts too if you're looking for ideas. Our scrip fundraiser benefits our Music department. Order on Mondays and receive your gift cards on Fridays. Order forms are in the office and on the school website under News & Info/Fundraising.

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and the social justice ideology is directly being taught to our children from preschool age and up.

If we take only the first of the six elements, "Self-love and knowledge," just how far does social justice take this idea? One writer defended this element as teaching a child all about his racial or ethnic identity, learning about his historical background, and a desire to develop a pride in his culture. I applaud this activity at face-value. I want my children to be proud of their heritage and ancestry, but I also want them to know that God has created them just the way they are, for a special purpose and to fulfill His

plan for them. The experiences they have gone through and the things that they will learn will shape their future in such a way where God can use them for His purposes and His glory. They find their value not just in their heritage and ethnicity, but in who God made them to be. He loves them and their love is to be centered on Him and others, not on themselves.

So, just how far can we take the concept of self-love and knowledge? When God is not a part of the equation, we can take it pretty far. Consider an article by Michael Novak, entitled, "Social Justice, Not What You Think It Is." In order to equalize fairness, the privileged ones of this world (those who are educated, have degrees, are working, and are making a fair wage) have the advantage over those who do not. In fact, "the privileged of this world have a chance to control births and control the number of children they have, but the poor do not and that's not fair" (Novak, p. 6). So, in the name of the poor, progressive social justice thinkers, who believe in self-love and knowledge, would include the concept of reproductive rights into the social justice train of thought. Consequently, the

## CCX Media Standout Student: Abigail Kolacz

Mr. Hodak nominated Abigail Kolacz as a "Standout Student" to be interviewed by the TV station reporter and to appear on a Channel 12 segment. (CCXmedia.org). Abigail is a top academic student here at Fourth Baptist Christian School, and has been involved in varsity volleyball, basketball, and girls soccer as well as our band, choir, mixed ensemble and handbell groups during her high school years. Journalist Neil Pursley came to our school to film Abbey during a Physics lab and platinum handbells. He also interviewed Abbey and some of her teachers for this featurette. Check out the link below to see the video and the story. This segment was very well done and a nice showcase for our school and for Abbey.

<https://ccxmedia.org/news/standout-student-fourth-baptist-christian-schools-abigail-kolacz/>



underprivileged woman should be able to have an abortion because she does not have access to the same things that the wealthier woman has access to. This is taking self-love way too far!

The truth of the matter, unfortunately, is that social justice is at the heart of socialism. "Is it any wonder that among millennials (young adults between 18-29 years old), 51% are in favor of socialism?"

This is one of the reasons that we are getting so many inquiries into our Christian school. Parents are struggling with what they are beginning to see and hear from their children regarding their education in the public school. Repeatedly, parents say, "We want better for our children!"

We are a culture struggling between multiple ideologies. Families are attempting to cling to the truth of God's Word and are fleeing from a system where God is not welcomed. Social justice ideology is spreading. As it continues to spread, so will the numbers who will attempt to flee from it.

~Alan J. Hodak, Administrator

Definition of social justice - <https://www.investopedia.com/terms/s/social-justice.asp>

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## Secondary Fall Retreat at IRBC



The secondary retreat is designed to gather all secondary students in grades 7-12 with our entire staff and have three days and two nights of crazy fun and spiritual challenge. It is a time for the students to get to know new students and staff and start the year off on a high spiritual note. This year also marked a much larger secondary count as we took 123 students to camp.



This year's speaker was Pastor David Stertz, senior pastor at Sonrise Bible Church. Pastor Stertz challenged us with a series of five excellent messages from the book of Daniel. Topics included: "Should I Violate What God has Told Me To Do?" "A Higher Motivation – What is it?" "Having Spiritually-Minded Friends," "Where Can You Find Real Wisdom? Nebuchadnezzar Went to the Wrong Place," and "The Design of Prophecy." The messages were rich and thought-provoking and we are grateful for Pastor Stertz's preparation and heart as he shared with our students.

Next year, we are anticipating a larger student count and have reserved Carl Kerby to be our retreat speaker. Mr. Kerby travels the country speaking in camps, retreats, and spiritual emphasis weeks. Carl will be focusing in on messages related to a proper Christian worldview, so we are anticipating a great and challenging camp for our students. Next year's camp will be held the second week of school, September 3-5, 2019. —*Mr. Hodak*



## Plymouth Fire Department Safety Demo

On Monday, October 22, the Plymouth Fire Department came to our school. The K4-2nd grade classes learned what to do if there was a fire in their house and were encouraged to make an escape route and determine a safe meeting place with their families. They were taught what to do if their clothes caught on fire: "Stop! Drop and Roll!" and learned about dialing 911 only in an emergency. We watched as a firefighter suited up in all of his equipment and shared the reason he wears so much protective gear. The children enjoyed going outside to see the big fire truck and learning about what is in all of the different compartments. It was a special treat to be able to climb up into the truck and sit where the firefighters sit. Thank you to the Plymouth Fire Department for all you do to keep us safe and for coming to FBCS!

*- Mrs. Julie Roman*



# SportsWalk 2018

SportsWalk is an annual event to raise money for Warrior Athletics. Students in grades 6-12 who wish to participate get sponsors (at least \$50) for their 10-mile walk around Medicine Lake. This year's Sportswalk efforts raised **over \$15,000**, thanks to our athletes and their generous sponsors this year! This year's donations are being used for the following:

- Varsity VB uniforms
- JH Boys Basketball uniforms
- Athlete water bottles
- Gym score table
- Funding for certified athletic trainer (varsity games)
- Girls Soccer jerseys

Thank you for your support of FBCS Warrior Athletics!



# See You at the Pole



This year's "See You at The Pole" event was held Wednesday, September 26th at 7:45am. It was a special time for students, teachers, and parents who gathered around the flag pole to pray, sing, and read Scripture. The senior class provided and served hot chocolate, which helped curb the effects of the windy, brisk September morning.

Four seniors, Joel Larson, Nick Carlson, Micah Morrell and Philip Peal, led the gathered group in reading and singing. They then asked people to break up into smaller groups for prayer. Prayer topics included: our country, the President, our teachers, schools, and pastors. It was encouraging to see teachers, students, and parents coming together as prayer warriors. - *Mrs. Heather Pesola*





## Grandparents' & Parents' Day 2018 Is Our Biggest Ever!

October 20th was a beautiful fall day for our annual Grandparents' and Parents' Day on campus. When it came time for the program at 10:00am, the auditorium was packed, and we loved seeing that! We are so grateful for the love and support from our grandparents and parents. It means so much to us that you came to spend your morning with us visiting the classrooms, enjoying fellowship with one another and with our students. The program was enjoyable as always, with the younger classes reciting humorous poems, songs and scripture. Our older students also took part in the band and choir numbers. It was a busy, but enjoyable day for all! Thanks for coming! - A. French



# Varsity Volleyball Team Goes to Championship Game!



## Varsity Volleyball Team

### Captains:

Claire Peterson  
Morgan Stephens  
Joelle Webster



This year our pre-season study was from 2 Timothy 4:1-10 with an emphasis on finishing the race set before us. Our theme was **Start Strong – Finish Stronger**. That was our goal for the season. I knew we had a strong team so I wanted to challenge them to keep working hard and push through no matter who the opponent was on the other side. And I can honestly say that they worked very hard all season. We had only 1 conference loss and our season record was 20-4. The two losses came in the championship game of the Faith BBC tournament and then the MACS Championship.

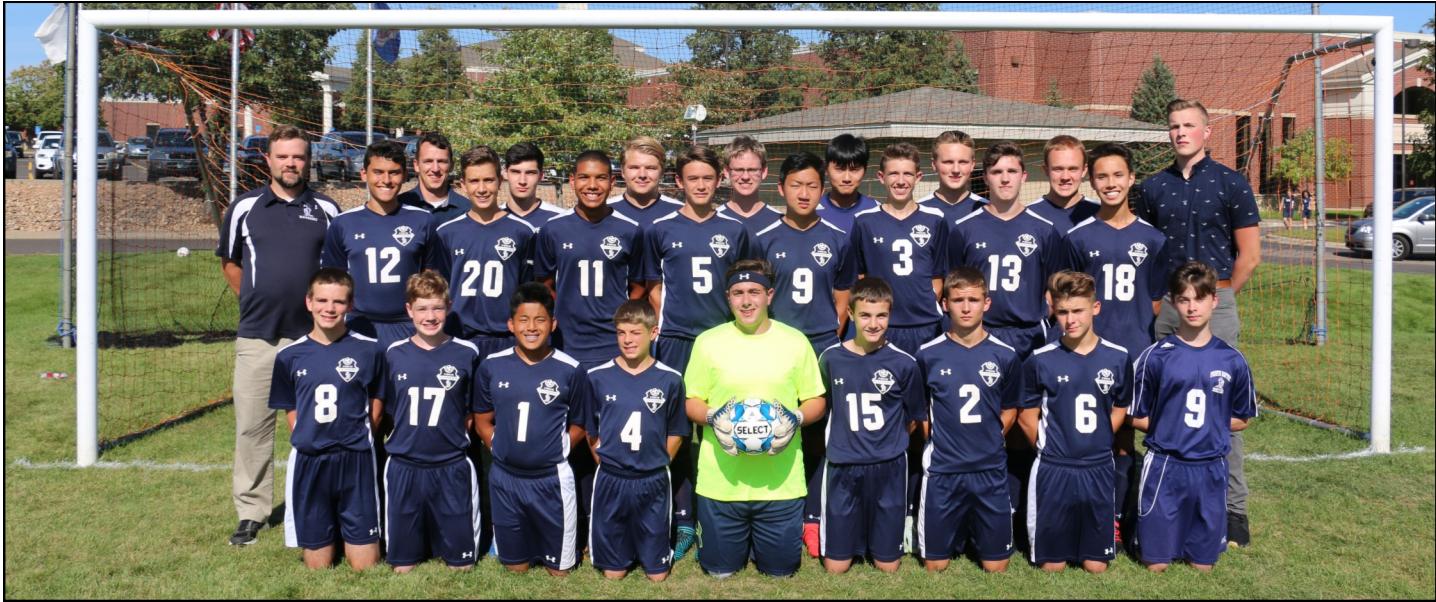
cohesive and just fun to be around! Thank you girls for an outstanding season! – Coach Webbie (Beth Webster)

### **Team/Individual Awards:**

- ***Faith BBC Tournament***, 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish  
Morgan Stephens and Claire Peterson were named to the All-Tournament Team.
- ***MACS State Tournament***, 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish  
Joelle Webster and Claire Peterson were named to the All-Tournament Team. Claire Peterson was also named tournament co-MVP.
- ***MACS All-Conference awards this season:***  
Honorable Mention – Maddie Hodak,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference – Morgan Stephens,  
1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference – Joelle Webster and Claire Peterson.



# Varsity Soccer Season Wrap-Up



Coming into the 2018 soccer season, we were filled with excitement for Warrior Soccer. Coming off of a great season where we fell just short of a championship, we were hopeful for a great year. There were also challenges. We had to replace a four year goalkeeper, we had to rebuild our defense after losing several seniors. In many ways, the season lived up to its promise. We had strong numbers with nearly 25 guys playing at the high school level. Our regular season was very successful. Overall, the varsity finished with a record of 13 – 4 – 2 and the JV finished at 3 – 1. Unfortunately when it came tournament time, we struggled and only managed to finish 4<sup>th</sup> in MACS. While this result was disappointing, it should not overshadow the good things that happened and the contributions that this year's seniors



made to our program. The seven seniors who have finished their Warrior soccer careers advanced the program greatly and will be tremendously missed. Still, we look forward to great things ahead! Thanks to all who supported Warrior soccer this year! - Coach Page



## Varsity Soccer Team

### Captains:

David Groulx  
Joel Larson  
Micah Morrell

## FBBC All-Tourney Team:

David Groulx  
Stanley Luckett

## MACS All-Tourney Team:

David Groulx  
Stanley Luckett

## MACS All-Conference 1st Team:

David Groulx  
Stanley Luckett  
Micah Morrell

## MACS All-Conference 2nd Team:

Joel Larson



*JV Volleyball Team*

## **JV Volleyball Team**

I had the privilege of coaching this year's JV girls volleyball team which was comprised of two sophomores and nine freshmen. Everyone on the team brought several years of playing experience. It was exciting to work with each of the girls as they grew in their skills. Our season began with 2 weeks of pre-season in August with games starting right away the first week of school.

Playing on the JV team allowed the girls to gain playing experience, to be challenged to learn a new rotation, and for some to learn new positions. Through the season each player was stretched in their abilities and where they played and all succeeded in their growth as a volleyball player. The highlight of our season was our 2-0 win over Rosemount in our last game of the season in which the team played their best ever! Our final season record was 8-3. Thank you players for your hard work and enthusiasm this year; I have enjoyed coaching each of you! ~Coach Sarah Stephens



*Junior High Gr. 6-8 Soccer Team*

## **JH Boys Soccer**

The Junior High soccer team had a great season this year. This team improved as much as or more than any other team that I have coached. Our record was 2-5 on the season; our two wins were against the same team with the help of a few freshman soccer players. But the highlight of our season was our second to last game at Woodcrest. For most of our games, we were clearly playing against young men who are older and bigger than us, and that game was no exception. But in spite of facing adversity, these young men stood up to that team without fear. Although we were down 2-0 late in the game, we outshot them in the final 8 minutes. We scored once and just missed tying the game. I hope these

young men learned the most important character building lesson that sports can teach us. We do not base our success on the final score, but on whether or not we played to the best of our ability. If we look for satisfaction and worth in our season record or the trophies we accumulate, we will inevitably find ourselves dissatisfied and questioning our worth. But if our aim is solely to play to the best of our ability, we will walk away from even the losses with the confidence that we have glorified God. We may not always be the best, but we can be the best that God has made us to be. Then we can be content and satisfied with who God made us to be. —Coach Rory Martin

## JH Volleyball Team BLUE

The junior high Team Blue had an exceptional season. The team was made up of more experienced seventh grade athletes and eighth grade athletes getting ready to move up into the high school program next season. At the beginning of the season, the girls refined their volleyball skills and techniques by learning each position on the court and playing each position in the games. The final quarter of the season was spent in preparation for those moving into the high school program – learning rotations and other higher-level volleyball techniques. They finished their season with a 6-4 record, with two of those losses very close in points. These girls played excellently all season, and they will be a wonderful addition to the high school program in the coming years. ~Coach JoJo Wilkes



*JH Volleyball Team BLUE*



*JH Volleyball Team WHITE*

## JH Volleyball Team White

The junior high Team White had a very successful season! The team was comprised of mostly first year volleyball players from sixth grade and from seventh grade. As a result of never playing volleyball or having only a short few months of experience in the previous season, the girls worked hard to learn how the game of volleyball works as well as to learn the skills involved in playing the games. There was much improvement from the first game to the last game of the season. The girls played a very short season of only five games, ending with a 2-3 record. The final game of the season was by far their best game, and a win to end the season, against Bloomington Lutheran. It was a season of firsts for many of these young athletes, and they have a very bright future in volleyball if they keep refining their skills each year. ~Coach JoJo Wilkes

## **FBCS 2018 Alumni Musicians in Action**

Several members of the graduating class of 2018 are using their musical abilities in college and deserve recognition for doing so. **Jason French** was selected to be a part of the Bob Jones University Handbell Choir, Percussion Ensemble, and Symphonic Wind Band (*Jason is pictured at left during a BJU Symphonic Wind Band performance*). Jason is a Computer Science major with a Music minor. **Madelyn Lease** attends Bethel University and was chosen to be a member of both the Women's Choir and the Festival Choir. (*Madelyn is pictured at right during an FBCS concert*). Madelyn is a Nursing major (no minor for nursing majors). **Daniel Peal** was selected to participate in several Maranatha Baptist University music groups, including the Handbell Choir, Symphonic Band, Percussion Ensemble, Madrigal Choir and Heritage Singers—a traveling group beginning next summer. (*Daniel is pictured in a partial Percussion Ensemble group picture above*). Daniel is a Pastoral Studies major, with a Music minor. We are thrilled you all are continuing to use your musical abilities to minister and be a blessing to others. ~A. French



*Jason French*

*Madelyn Lease* attends Bethel University and was chosen to be a member of both the Women's Choir and the Festival Choir. (*Madelyn is pictured at right during an FBCS concert*). Madelyn is a Nursing major (no minor for nursing majors). **Daniel Peal** was selected to participate in several Maranatha Baptist University music groups, including the Handbell Choir, Symphonic Band, Percussion Ensemble, Madrigal Choir and Heritage Singers—a traveling group beginning next summer. (*Daniel is pictured in a partial Percussion Ensemble group picture above*). Daniel is a Pastoral Studies major, with a Music minor. We are thrilled you all are continuing to use your musical abilities to minister and be a blessing to others. ~A. French



*Daniel Peal*



*Madelyn Lease*

# Elementary 1st Quarter Field Trips:

## 2nd Graders Visit Ft. Snelling

This fall, both 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes enjoyed an educational field trip to Fort Snelling. We couldn't have asked for better weather. It was clear and sunny skies and perfect for us to enjoy our lunch outside. We learned a lot about the rich history that took place at Fort Snelling. One of the most known historical figures that the students learned about was Dred Scott (*an enslaved African American man who sued for his family's freedom*) famously known for the Dred Scott case. The students loved interacting with the guides who showed them many fun activities from helping take care of the sick to seeing how a blacksmith makes a nail. One of the highlights for the students was seeing the soldier fire a musket. Both 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes loved the field trip and are still talking about it today. - *Miss Anneliese Anderson*



## K4/K5 Classes Take Field Trip To Apple Jack Orchards

The K4 and K5 had a wonderful and exciting trip to the pumpkin patch! Students learned about the process of growing pumpkins while enjoying delicious doughnuts. They enjoyed decorating pumpkins with silly stickers. Next, the students enjoyed a hayride throughout the pumpkin patch and apple orchard. The driver talked about the different kinds of apples and pumpkins on the farm. Last, the students loved playing on the playground and interacting with the animals. It was a great field trip! - *Miss Hannah Seest*



FIRST QUARTER 2018-19	"A" HONOR ROLL	A AVERAGE	B AVERAGE
First	 <p>Madelynn Jahnke Mason Kimbrough Katelyn Kolwinska Allison Kovalchuk Bryna McLeish Arima Okafu Elise Pacencu Viviana Pullis</p>	<p>Elias Brombacher Liesl Campbell Daniella Damyan Jacob Demchenko Ison Eppers Chloe Johnson Alexis Lavasseur Ezekiel Leanger Katherine Malone Alessandra Mendoza-Tamayo Pierce Ogbourne Autumn Overcash Naomi Pacencu Ella Pettrashov Matthias Smith</p>	<p>Catherine Carl Olivia Malone Alexander Tkach</p>
Second	<p>Vita Belokon Dima Brutskiy Rilyn Faithfull Sarah Goshgarian Lincoln Johnson Jeremiah Komonash Alexandra Lipinskiy Sean Okafu Marie Reis Preston Smetak Anna Yarmakovich</p>	<p>Henry Baranyuk Jill Cook Mark Damyan Hannah Grosser Nathan Kauffman Allison Leanger Rosalee Lesnau Clara Morrell Carson Payne Samuel Tollerud Tiegan Treptau</p>	<p>Isabelle Chuprin Isaac Gao Robert Heldman Rebekah Landin Nelson Mendez-Roman Ella Sayko</p> 
Third	<p>Isabella Carl Anne Cooley Anna Damyan Ava Fure Christian Hoffman Michaela Keim Timothy Pettrashov Lauren Stephens Lukyn Williams</p>	<p>Nikita Bodnar Ella Burlak Rebeka Damyan Christian Kolwinska</p>	<p>Lily Goshgarian Peyton Grosser Emma Overcash</p>
Fourth	<p>Gretchen Campbell Josiah Combs John Goshgarian Nikita Lipinskiy Joseph Litkey Gracyn Lopez Westley Malone Savannah Martin Adelaisa Pullis</p>	<p>Ethan Coulson Mark Manoila Brianna Treptau Asher Zderchuk</p>	<p>Njomai Gorre Ndiaye Dominick Grosser Jacob Payne Caleb Reis Noah Sherfey</p>
Fifth	 <p>Anja Brombacher Benjamin Jahnke McKenzie Johnson Anastasia Lipinskiy Easton Martin Tava McLeish Megan Page J. Jaidyn Rennie Lillian Williams</p>	<p>Matthew Gorian Joseph Goshgarian Ethan Markgraf Charles Okafu Tyler Stephens Josiah Tollerud Faith Zhao Grace Zhao</p>	<p>Gregory Carl Boston Faithfull Jinwen (Jane) Qin Hannah Reis</p>

FIRST QUARTER 2018-19	"A" HONOR ROLL	A AVERAGE	B AVERAGE
Sixth	Molly Cook Jack Fure Evan Harvath Jamie Hoese Jonathan Kolacz Noah Lease Nelly Petrashev Carmela Pullis	Julia Bodnar Cole Chenoweth Lauren Knudson Sophia Morrell Joseph Sundberg Daniel Yarmakovich	Markus Baranyuk Nevaeh Carlson Antonio Eppers Cody Mercado Jude Olson Lexi Owens Emma Payne Allison Tkach
Seventh	Nathan French Melissa Kauffman Clara Rieschl Johannah Rieschl	Josiah Brombacher Jacob Combs Mark Goshgarian Shaun Larson Joy Okafo Sophia Pullis S. Gresyn Rennie Reece Martin Evelina Sayko Alyssa Stephens	Emily Chuprin Logan Dunn Sophia Engleberth Grace Goshgarian Greta Gustafson Matthew Herrick Ksenia Kachula Henry Litkey Carsten Markgraf Isaiah Roman Elise Sandness Dennis Tkach Cherubim Toby
Eighth	Suzanna Kotelevska Karina Mendoza Adriel Ng Abbie Page Evelyn Williams	Caleb Tollerud	Esther Chepurnaya Kristy Hanson Danielle Komonash Jemima Komonash Aidan J. Radloff
Ninth	Isaac Brombacher Jasmine Cole Emily Combs Isabel Guillen Ruvim Korovin Gabriela Mendoza Anna Morrell	Stephen French Evelyn Goshgarian Kathryn Kauffman Tyler Martin Joseph Okafo James Webster David Yarmakovich	Conner Chenoweth Jocelyn Devanesan Alyza Dunn Lucy Litkey Samuel Roman Kayla Stephens
Tenth	Kaylee Hoffman Zachary Mace	Kaylee Carlson Jonathan Grosser Madelyn Hodak Isabelle Lease Lydia Rieschl	Trinity Gorian Jiaqi (Iris) He Caleb Lambrecht Jordan Larson David Migalyuk Sophie Muhr Matthew Nyquist Levi Owens Zachary Robinson Emmalee Tollerud Joshua Weckert Liangyu Zeng
Eleventh	Aaron French Isaac Grosser Lydia Morrell Caleb Page	Nathan Brennan Dana Fredericksen Amanda Hartzell Juliana Mendoza Joshua Van Luyk Joelle Webster Micah Weckert	Luiz Bomfim Yuanxin (Winston) Chen Benjamin Goshgarian Breanna Leith Jiamiao (Lucas) Liu Abigail Roman
Twelfth	Nicholas Carlson Zixi (Elaine) Feng Abigail Kolacz	Wan Lu (Summer) Feng Abigail Goshgarian Joel Larson Micah Morrell Philip Peal Claire Peterson Morgan Stephens	Mark Cooley Natalie Goblirsch David Groulx Stanley Luckett