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When you listen to our Dieruff and Allen combined choir sing this song tonight, we hope you will imagine the dreams these students have for their futures. The ASD has over 16,300 students and they all have dreams. As supporters of the ASD Foundation, you probably have your own hopes and dreams for the students. These students and their peers will be making the future of our world.

The ASDF mission is to encourage, promote, support and fund positive educational experiences for students in the Allentown School District. We know that when students experience performing on a stage, writing poetry and authoring books, planning and executing science experiments, researching and presenting historical events, playing instruments or sports, or building with Legos (elementary) or carpentry (high school) and any of the many other programs we fund, their sense of what the world holds for them expands. Through your generosity, the ASD Foundation provides these experiences that inspire curiosity, build skills and confidence, and motivate students to work toward their dreams.

Thank you for your support tonight!

Since our founding, the ASDF has raised over \$8.1 million to provide programs and services for students and teachers. These significant efforts are supported by a 20-member board of directors, five emeritus board directors, and three employees many of whom are ASD alumni or parents. As a 501c3 not-for-profit, the Foundation is totally dependent on individual, corporate and institutional gifts and grants. It will continue to grow in service to the students as the community and alumni honor the value of this work. Thank you for your show of support!

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Each guest has a bidder number on the back of their name tag.

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Place your Bidder Number on line 1 (Starting Bid) to begin the auction for that item.

If you are out-bid by another guest, return to the bid sheet to bid again.

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To guarantee that you are the prize winner, a "Buy It Now" price greater than the Retail Value is provided. Simply write your number by the Buy It Now! Price.

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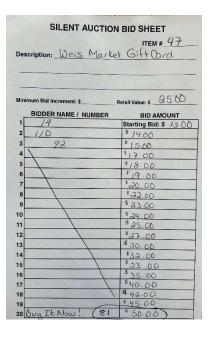
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Volunteers will tally all bids in the hotel lobby.

When Check Out is announced, <u>Bidders</u> can retrieve the yellow copy of the bid sheet for each item for which they have the highest bid and bring the yellow copies to the check-out table in the lobby where confirmation of total due is marked on the yellow copy.

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ASD Spring Performance Schedule

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"Little Shop of Horrors"

April 20-22 at 7:00 PM and April 23 at 2:00 PM ticketor.com/wahsboxoffice

William Allen High School Instrumental Concert

(Concert Band, Orchestra, Jazz Band) Thursday, April 27 at 7:00 PM. \$5 at the door.

Dieruff High School Theatre

"Seussical" April 27 – 29 at 7:00 PM ticketor.com/DHSTC; Box Office: Jerica Hart 484-765-5529

Raub Middle School Spring Band Concert

Wednesday, May 24 at 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM Donations requested and appreciated.

Dieruff High School Spring Concert

Thursday, May 4 at 7:00 PM. Donations appreciated.

Trexler Middle School "Evening of the Arts"

(Band, Chorus, SLAM Poetry)
Friday, May 19 at 5:30 PM. \$5 at the door.

South Mountain Middle School Spring Concert

Wednesday, May 24 at 5:00 PM

William Allen High School Spring Choral Concert

Friday, May 26 at 7:00 PM. \$3 at the door for all ages.

Raub Middle School Spring Choir Concert

Thursday, June 1st, 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM Donations requested and appreciated.

Raub Middle School Strings with El Sistema

Tuesday, June 6 at 6:30 PM.
Miller Symphony Hall. No cost. Donations Accepted.







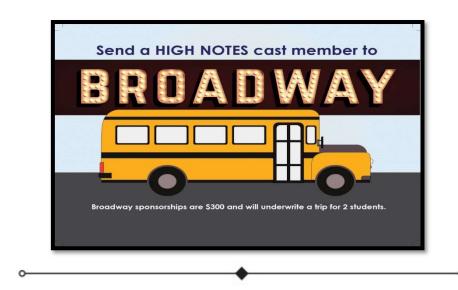


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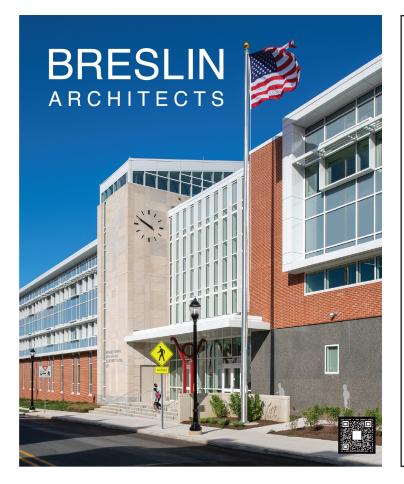




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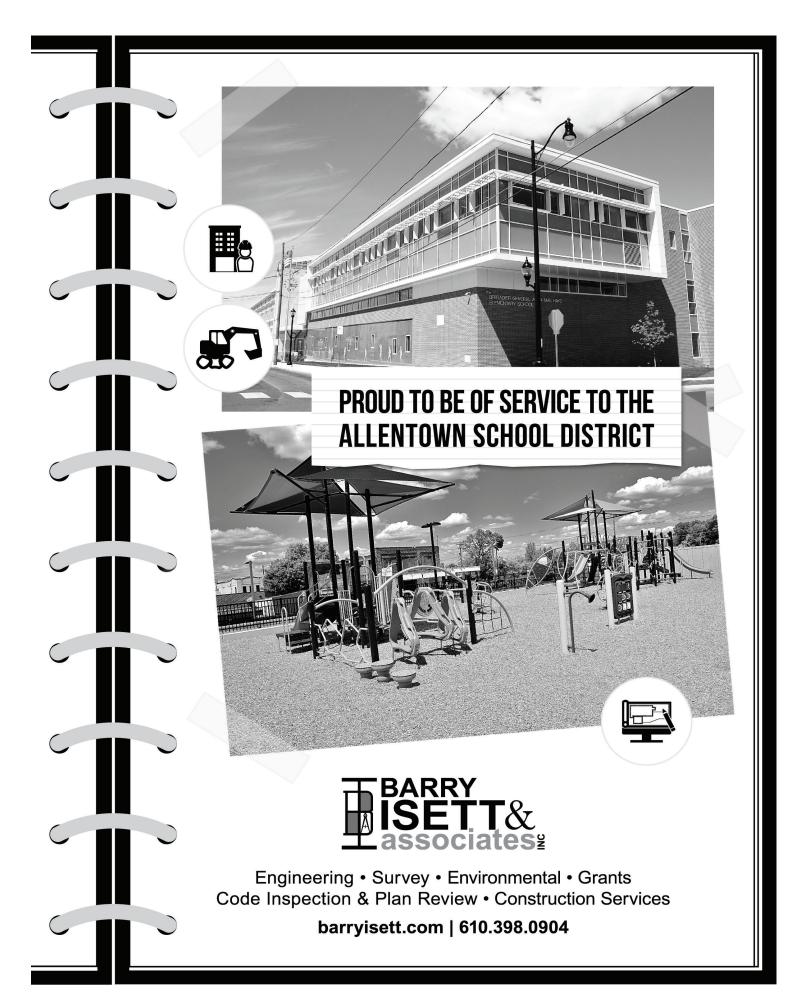
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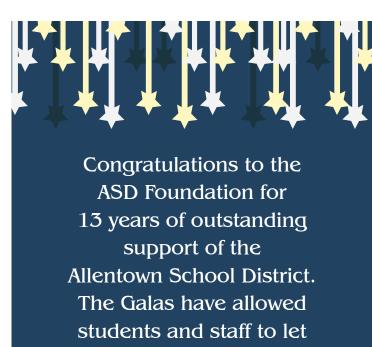


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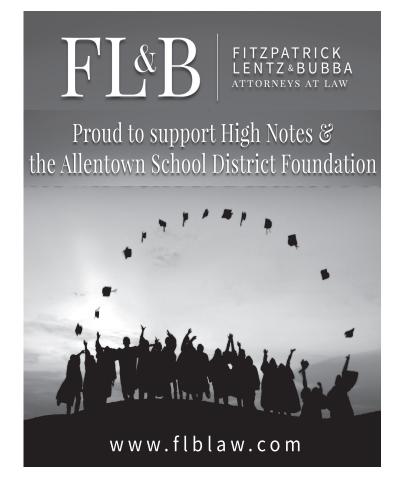




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Gala Reception Program

Saturday, April 1, 2023

7:00 PM

6:00 PM Husky Harmony (Dieruff High School) Hotel Mezzanine

Cocktail Reception with Passed Hors d'Oeuvres
Silent Auction Opens
Guests are invited to their seats
Ballroom
Ballroom

7:05 PM Welcome Messages

Mr. Daniel C. Bosket, ASD Foundation President

Dr. Julie K. Ambrose, ASD Foundation Executive Director

Mr. Greg Leh, Sr. Director, Business Development & Sports Performance, St. Luke's University

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7:20 PM Dinner Theatre Begins

"A Million Dreams"

Performed by Husky Harmony and the William Allen High School Chorale

▼ WAHS Chorale: "Cruisin' for a Bruisin'"

WAHS Dance Academy: "Clocks"

DHS Musical: Seussical

"Alone in the Universe" (M. Melo and Natalia Vicente)

"Notice Me Horton" (Faith Gross and M. Melo)

"Suddenly Seymour" (Eli Mercedes as Seymour; Nico Rodriguez as Audrey;

Nikayla Hamilton, Kiara Larrama and Tai Montanez – Trio)

"Suppertime" (Eli Mercedes and Meghan Edinger as Audrey II)

DHS Jazz Band: "Watermelon Man"

8:30 PM Coffee/Tea and Dessert

8:30 PM Music and Dancing with DMC Duo

9:15 PM Silent Auction Closes

Once the final bids are tallied, high bidders will be invited to the Hotel Lobby to make payments. Please show your paid receipt to the auction volunteers to pick up your items and take them

home tonight. Thank you!

10:30 PM Event & Music Ends

Celebrating with Visual Arts

The ASD Foundation is helping the Allentown Philatelic Society celebrate their 100th Anniversary (1923-2023) with a Stamp Art Contest for Allentown School District students in grades K-12. Selected works will be on display at the Allentown Art Museum from June 3 to June 11, 2023, and at the Eastern Pennsylvania Stamp Show on July 8.

Please join us for the Stamp Art Contest Awards Ceremony: Allentown Art Museum, Saturday, June 3, 1:00

Performers, Tech Crew and Directors

MEET THE HIGH NOTES PERFORMERS, CREW AND DIRECTORS

Biographies are listed by group according to performance order.

Husky Harmony, Louis E. Dieruff High School

Dr. Jennifer Dodd, Director, Husky Harmony: Jennifer Dodd has been a vocal music teacher in the Allentown School District for almost 24 years. This is her twelfth year as choir director at DHS and she previously served as vocal director for Dieruff's musical theatre program for seven years. Jennifer is extremely proud of her talented and hard-working students for helping build back the choral program after it lost members during the COVID shutdown. In addition to teaching at Dieruff, Jennifer is the organist and choir director at St. Paul's Lutheran Blue Church in Coopersburg and a member of the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Research Committee. She would like to thank her husband and three children for their support of her professional and musical endeavors.

Jeymil Omar Alamo Munoz is a junior at Dieruff High School. This is his first year in choir; he is in marching band, jazz band, and color guard. Jeymil has been on the swim team for two years. His dream is to go to college, study to become a chef, and own a restaurant. He wants to thank all his band teachers for dealing with him.

Leslie Aviles is a sophomore performing in gala for the first time. A soprano in Dieruff High School Choir, she just started choir in DHS but was in choir for 3 years in middle school. She would like to thank the people who accepted her to perform in the gala. She would like to thank Dr. Dodd for accepting her into Husky Harmony.

Marcos Baez is a senior making his performance debut as Mr. Mayor in the Suessical musical and choir. He also runs for the DHS track and field team. His future plans are to go into the military to serve his country and get his Doctoral degree. He would love to thank the gala hosts for giving him the opportunity to perform.

Lamisah Brown is a junior at Dieruff High School and is honored to be at tonight's gala. She is in the choir and this year's musical and plans on going into the Air Force after graduation. Lamisah would like to thank her parents and choir directors for their support and for teaching her.

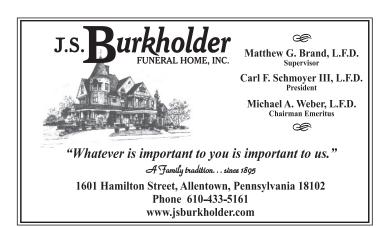
Rosalynda Garcia is a freshman at DHS and this is her first Gala. She will perform in "Suessical the Musical" as Thing 1. She was Shrek in "Shrek Jr." in HMMS. Rosalynda is in the choir, the step team, and numerous sports. She hopes to become a star on Broadway. She would like to thank everyone who constantly supports her.

Ayden Gonzalez is a sophomore at Dieruff. He is honored to be performing in tonight's gala. Ayden will also be performing in Seussical the Musical as The Cat In The Hat. He is also on the swim team at Dieruff. In the future Ayden would like to be an artist of any kind. He would like to thank the gala organizers, his mom, and his choir director Dr. Dodd for being so kind and helpful to him in his first year of choir.

Faith Gross is a sophomore. This is her 2nd year cheer, in choir and 2nd year performing in the DHS musical - last year as Anna Maria (in Godspell) and this year as Gertrude McFuzz (in Seussical). She enjoys doing pageantry and being under the bright lights. She would like to make it to Broadway one day. Faith would like to thank her mom, choir director, coach, cast, crew, and musical staff and the gala staff for getting her to where she is.

Frayni Segura Martinez is a junior at Dieruff High School and Is honored to be at tonight's Gala. She is in the choir and has a role in the school musical. She wants to go to college and study Criminology. She would like to thank her friends, teachers, and family for believing in her.

Mayrali Melendez is a sophomore at Dieruff High School. This is her second year doing choir, Husky Harmony, and theater with her first musical being Godspell and her second one Seussical where she plays the General. She is incredibly thankful to be a part of Gala for a second time and hopes to do it again next year.







David Ortiz is a Senior who participates in the Choir and Musical. He plays the part of a Wickersham in Seussical the Musical. David performed at Gala last year and Cabaret before it was canceled. David participates in Dieruff's Anime Club as president. David's future plans are to pursue a career in Art and Animation or to be an Actor. He would like to thank his choir director Dr. Dodd and his parents who sacrificed a lot for him to be here. **Gustavo Pagan** is a sophomore performing in the gala for the first time. In addition to choir, he is also part of Dieruff High School's musical "Seussical" in which he will be portraying Grinch and a Wickersham monkey. He also wants to thank his director Dr. Dodd and all his other mentors.

Chantall Pereira-Eras is a senior who is fulfilling her 7th year as a choir member. Chantall is a member of the National and Spanish Honor Societies as well as a 4th year Varsity field hockey and softball player. She plans to attend Lafayette College to pursue a career in the immigration field, majoring in International Affairs. Chantall would like to thank her family for all their love and her choir director, Dr. Dodd, for her endless encouragement. Ericka Rossy is a senior at DHS and has performed in choir and Husky Harmony for three years. This will be her second and final appearance in the High Notes Gala. She enjoys fundraising for schools and thrifting. Ericka would like to thank the Gala directors for this opportunity and extends her thanks to her friends and choir.

Yehileen Santiago is a senior at Dieruff High School where she has participated in choir for three years. She also participated in choir for two years at South Mountain Middle School. Yehileen participates in Varsity swimming and coaching middle school field hockey and swimming. She plans to go to LCCC for an English major.

Adryan Sein Diaz is a freshman who has been in choir since middle school. They are also on the track team and Husky Harmony. Adryan plans to attend college and enter an MFA program. Adryan would like to thank family and friends for their love and support and Dr. Dodd for her dedication to Adryan's musical education.

Natalia Vicente is a junior in L. E. Dieruff High School; and she's in the choir and the musical as well. For fun she just plays piano or takes naps to have some relaxation from school and everything. She did the musical as well last year, and had the role of Uzo from Godspell, and this year is JoJo from Seussical.

Chorale, William Allen High School

Mr. Brandon Remp, Director, WAHS Chorale: Brandon Remp has been teaching in the ASD for the last 15 years. In that time, he has directed the William Allen Choir and Chorale as well as been the musical director for the spring musicals. Brandon grew up in the ASD (William Allen '04) and loves being able to come back and teach in the same school where he developed his love for music and theater. It is an amazing experience being able to teach the students of the ASD.

Yesenia Baxter is excited to be a part of the Gala as a part of the Chorale and Tech Crew. I'm involved in girls' volleyball, manager in boys' volleyball, orchestra and Mu Alpha Theta. I aspire to be a cardiothoracic surgeon. I would love to thank my friends Mikayla and Josh for involving me in crew and making things fun, as well as everyone in chorale for making the long days of singing and dancing feel like a pastime. You're all amazing! **Lilyanna Delgado** is in the William Allen chorale. I've been a part of the William Allen band in the past. I'm in track, dance, jazz band, orchestra, choir, and chorale. My future plans are to going into the Marine Corps and play for their band. I would like to thank all my teachers that helped me through the years.

Meghan Edinger is a senior at WAHS who participated in ASD shows since sixth grade. I was Sandy in Grease last year, and I am the voice of Audrey II this year. I am a member of the Chorale, SGA, Mua Alpha Theta, NHS, and Wacc. I am captain of the track and field team and girls soccer team. I plan to attend West Chester University for secondary English education. I would like to thank my parents for always pushing me to my next level.

Taoly Fabio will be singing in a few places hopefully. I've been in middle school productions all three years. I do some volleyball. My future plans are hopefully going to college and going into the medical field. I would like to thank my family for being there for me and supporting me in all I do.

Abigail Flores is a member of the Chorale. I have always been interested in mental health and how the brain works. My plan is to go to college for a bachelor's degree in neuroscience, then go to medical school to study psychiatry. I'd like to thank my older sister who has always been supportive of me and what I want to do. She has pushed me to continue things that involve the arts. As well as being there to help me figure out what to do with my future. My sister is someone I will always look up to.

Keyliana Maga Gonzalez will be in the chorale and choir performances this year. I'm involved in MU Alpha Theta. I plan on dancing and singing in the future. I would like to thank my mom for supporting me in everything. **Eli Mercedes** is performing in William Allen's chorale and the musical, Little Shop of Horrors, as Seymour. He has been acting almost his entire life, this being his 10th performance. He plans on pursuing musical theater for his career. He would like to thank Micky, on the lights, for being by his side through the entire performance process. **Melina Sayacool**

DHS Spittin' Truth, Louis E. Dieruff High School

Luke Boyd, DHS Spittin' Truth Poetry Director: I have been working with the performance poetry team Spittin' Truth since the group's creation in 2017. In that time, we have performed at open mics, coffee house shows, poetry slams, and of course, yearly at ASDF Gala. We are currently working on "Armchair Ghosts" which is our yearly poetry and photography magazine; it will be published this spring.

Kellissa Brown would like to dedicate this brief biography to the people who have built my high school experience and encouraged me to strive for my future and fight for the life I never thought I would have. Thank your local Communities in School staff members; and I would like to thank mine, Miss Kristin, Miss Christina. I have never been to the moon, but I have been taught to dream like I have.

Francine Cedeno Bello is a senior at Dieruff who will perform in DHS poetry. Francine is involved in other activities, like, art clubs, student council, and the school musical. I see my future in forensic psychology, helping those in need using forensics. I would love to thank my mother for giving me her diligence and my dad for giving me my patience. I would also love to thank my poetry mentor, Mr. Boyd, and my art teacher Dr. Tinsman.

Ash Marte will perform in poetry. This is my first show. I would like to help with the school musical next year. I plan to be a realtor and move in with my cousin who's been my best friend for years. I want to thank my friends and cousins for showing me love and giving me advice every time I needed it.

Luis Martinez is a poet for Spittin' Truth. I'll be reading some poems. I've done Gala last year. I've been thinking of doing another club. My plan is to go to college to become a psychologist and have poetry as a side thing. I would like to thank Mr. Boyd and my mother for giving me the courage to pursue poetry as an extra activity.

M. Melo is a junior from Dieruff High School. From playing Horton in Seussical to playing trumpet for the Dieruff Jazz band ensemble to writing for Spitting Truth Poetry, they participate in all sorts of artistic endeavors. They've been committed to the Art Honor Society as well as multiple after school activities. Despite a busy schedule, Melo finds the joy of performance worth the hours of practice. They hope you enjoy the show!

Naheira Pimentel is a senior at Dieruff High School. She is heavily involved in the Jazz band and Musical Company. In addition, she is the president of the senior class of 2023. After graduating she will be pursuing a degree in Music Education!

Adalys Rodriguez is in choir and in Spittin Truth. I'm also in the ensemble of Seussical the Musical at Dieruff. I plan to become a pediatrician in the future, and I want to thank my family, my teachers and everyone for coming.



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Jarlyn Sori is a member of Spittin' Truth and this will be their first ASD performance. This event comes with many emotions but overall, I am proud of myself. After high school, I hope that I continue writing and improving my abilities. I love creating and expressing myself through poetry. I would like to thank my sister for being my biggest inspiration. She has pushed me to become the person that I am today and I am forever grateful for her.

Andrew Tejada will be performing in the jazz band playing on the piano. I will also be performing with the poetry club. This will be my first time performing at the Gala. I am in the National Honors Society, Key Club, Poetry Club, and Jazz Band. My future plans are to attend a coding bootcamp to learn to code better and get a job in the coding area. I'd like to thank my teachers and friends for getting me to join clubs.

Yoriant Torres will be performing poetry. I'm part of Spittin' Truth at Dieruff and the Dieruff softball team. My future plans are to major in astronomy and 2D art. I want to thank my parents for setting the base of my future.

Dance Academy, William Allen High School

Ms. Dawn Blanco, WAHS Dance Academy Director: Blanco is the director of the Studio Dance Academy and dance teacher at WAHS. She began her dance training at age 7 and is trained in ballet, modern, contemporary, jazz, musical theater, & hip hop dance. She holds a K-12 teaching certification and a Dance Masters of America Certification in Ballet, Jazz, & Modern Instruction. She has 20 years teaching experience and has taught at studios, colleges, & universities throughout PA. Blanco choreographs for William Allen's musicals and is a four-time Freddy Awards nominee for outstanding choreography for GUYS AND DOLLS, WEST SIDE STORY, AIDA, & SISTER ACT. Blanco wants to thank the foundation for all they do for our students.

Ky'asia Brown is a senior at William Allen. She first started dancing with Ms. Blanco when she was 11 years old. Ky'asia was a part of dance concepts in the 2021/22 school year. She performed at the Annual Christmas tree lighting, and she danced alongside the Academy dancers in the 2022 academy show (In Harmony). She is part of the 2022/23 dance academy and will be performing in this year's Academy show (Space Time and Energy). **Bryson Jones** will be performing in the 2023 academy dance show (Space Time & Energy) as a dancer. I have been in the academy dance show (In Harmony) in 2022 as a dancer. I am involved in student government, student congress class of 2023, canaries for life, drama club, gay straight alliance, and the Allen varsity cheerleading and track teams. My goals are to become a dance choreographer and help people by giving others an escape from reality. I would like to thank Dawn Blanco, Stephanie Petrucci, Core 4! and myself.

Jessenia Lopez is a senior at WAHS. This is my 3rd year dancing with Ms. Blanco. I'm involved in activities such as congress, track and field, and Cheerleading Team (as captain). This is my first dance concert performance and I'm excited to show everyone how hard the Dance Academy has worked. I plan to study Nursing in college. I would like to thank Ms. Blanco, my coaches, friends, and family for making my senior year memorable.

Toussaint Morse is a senior at Allen. I am in Dance Academy and am so grateful I have been in dance since my freshman year. Toussaint was in the musical "Grease" his junior year as Kenickie; and was Cameron in "Bring it on." Toussaint has been in Student Government, Canaries for Life, and Student Congress 23; he was a Varsity Cheerleader. Toussaint would like to thank Ms. Blanco, Stephanie Petrucci, and core 4 for being there for him. **Doriangelys Ruiz** will be performing in the Dance Concert "Space, Time, & Energy." She was part of the Dance Concert "In Harmony" last year. This is Doriangelys' 2nd year in the Dance Academy and is recognized as Captain. Her extracurricular activities include student government, Canaries for Life, multiple Honor Societies, Girls Soccer, and Senior Class President. She plans on going to college to study business and possibly dance. She would like to thank her family, friends, teachers, especially Ms. Blanco, who always saw her potential.

Ashley Velez will be participating in the dance academy concert at WAHS. In the past, I've been part of ballet recitals, and at the age of 11, I started dancing competitively. My future plans are to get a degree in optometry and get into a dance company someday. I would like to thank my mom and dad, for the emotional and financial support that they gave me through all the years I've been dancing, and all my dance teachers and teammates for the good experiences and memories.



Musical Theatre, Louis E. Dieruff High School

Ms. Kim Carson, Director/Producer: Kim Carson is new to Dieruff High School and thrilled to be here. An award winning actor and photographer, Kim has been on stage, and behind the scenes for twenty years in professional theatres. Special thanks to the students and staff at Dieruff for their hard work and support!

Mr. Jaedon Muhl, Choreographer: Jaedon R. Muhl has been involved in the theatre for the last 15 years as both a performer and choreographer. Notable performing credits include Squidward in SpongeBob The Musical, Eddie in Trouble In Mind, and Bobby in A Chorus Line. Choreographer credits include Damn Yankees, Bright Star and Gypsy. Jaedon has performed in NYC singing at Don't Tell Mama's cabaret space. He has been nominated for 6 BroadwayWorld Awards for his performances and choreography.

M. Melo See Spittin' Truth for biography.

Faith Gross See Husky Harmony for biography.

Natalia Vincente is a junior at Deiruff HS who is currently in the spring musical, Seussical, playing the lead role of Jojo. This is Natalia's second musical at Dieruff, the first being Godspell last year with the role Uzo. I would like to thank my family and friends for always being there to encourage me to do great.

Musical Theatre, William Allen High School

John Sechler, WAHS Musical Theatre Director: **John T. Sechler** (*Director/Producer/Costumes/Set Design*) is a graduate of Kutztown University and holds his Master's in Technology for the Classroom through Wilkes University. This is his 25th year in the Allentown School District and his 17th year teaching in the Allen Art Academy Theatre Department. His directing credits include over 16 dramas and 20 musicals.

Meghan Eddinger See WAHS Chorale for biography.

Nikayla Hamilton will play Crystal in William Allen High School's production of Little Shop of Horrors! I have been in Hairspray Jr as Little Inez, Godspell Jr as Ensemble, Once On This Island Jr as Ti-Moune, Rocky Horror Picture Show as Ensemble, and Grease as Patty Simcox! My future plans are undecided. I would like to thank my Family, Friends and the William Allen Theater Department for their continuous support.

Kiara Larrama will be in the musical "Little Shop of Horrors" as the character Chiffon. I am involved in Girl Scouts, student council, upward bound, choir, and orchestra. I plan to go to college to either be a pediatrician or teacher and do theater as a side job. I would like to thank all my friends and family, especially my sister Keyli.

Eli Mercedes See WAHS Chorale for biography.

Tai Montanez has been in productions from GODSPELL Jr. (Matthias), ONCE ON THIS ISLAND Jr. (Ensemble), and THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW (Party Goer). I have always been interested in singing and acting and have done choir all of my middle school years. I am excited to be in LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS (Ronnette) and expand my theater experience. I'd like to thank my mom and my friends for always encouraging me.

Nico Rodriguez is a Senior in Little Shop of Horrors playing the role of Audrey. Nico was in Rocky Horror Picture Show as Janet (fall 2022). They are involved in Dance Concepts and Advanced Placement Art. They aspire to keep doing theater and the arts to express and make an impact through their projects. They are grateful and indebted to the cast and truly honored to be beside everyone who is a part of 2022 High Notes Gala. They would like to thank their friends and family for their support.

Jazz Band, Louis E. Dieruff High School

Mr. David Sendef, DHS Jazz Band Director: Sendef is currently teaching general music in the Allentown School District at Mosser and Washington elementary schools. He is also the Assistant Band Director at Louis E. Dieruff High School where he directs the Dieruff Jazz Band. His previous teaching assignments have included the HS instrumental teacher / Band Director at Simon Gratz High School in Philadelphia, Pa; as well as other international teaching assignments. David has extensively toured internationally with Broadway style shows, performed with many international artists/ensembles and cruise ships. David is married and has two wonderfully talented children. Jeymil Alamo Munoz See Husky Harmony for biography.

Gian Franco Aragon

Dioneycis Hernandez is a sophomore in Louis E Dieruff High School. I'm involved with the marching band, concert band, jazz band, and colorguard. I want to thank my best friend for motivating me to be great! **Elliott Hernandez** will be in concert band playing baritone saxophone, and jazz band playing tenor saxophone. I participated in the 2022 Marching Season and performed jazz at the Steelstacks and Renaissance Hotel. I am involved in the jazz band, marching band, and DHS drumline. My future plans are to go to college to study astrophysics. I want to thank my parents for supporting me as a young musician at DHS.



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Karen Mane plays percussion instruments such as Quads (marching band); Drum set (concert band) and congas (Jazz band). They really just switch depending on songs, but I Love it! I have been in cavalcade shows, Jazz, concert, color guard, and drumline. I would love to do volleyball and I have been in track. I plan to become a drum instructor and play around the world. Nothing is possible without my parents allowing me to reach where I am now and as well as God for, I have come far.

M. Melo See Spittin' Truth for biography.

Gianny Mojica will play flute and trombone in Dieruff's Spring Concert. I played first flute with the Lehigh County Honors Band this year; flute & trombone in the winter concert; and flute during the last two marching band seasons. After I graduate from the early college program, I plan to get my bachelor's degree. I want to thank my parents & my friends for supporting me & being so helpful. Thank you for allowing me to do what I love. I couldn't have done it without you.

Enrique Morales is a Senior at Dieruff High School and I play the Baritone Saxophone. Since my freshman year I have done marching band, jazz band, county band, and the High Notes Gala. I have also been involved with basketball, soccer and honor society. My plans are to go to college and major in Sports Management. I would like to thank my parents for always pushing and supporting me to be the best I can be.

Amariah Nicoll will be playing flute. Over the years I have been in many concerts and other performances. In school I am in every band program, and I do color guard. In the future I plan to become a surgeon but keep a career in music. People I want to thank are my mom and my friends for always being supportive.

Naheira Pimentel See Spittin' Truth for biography.

Neyth Pimentel Ruiz will perform as the drum set player for the Dieruff Jazz Ensemble. I've been playing the drums for 6 years and played in concert, jazz, and marching band. I've been in the DHS marching band and drum line for 4 years. I will go to college for video game design and continue my path as a musician. I'd like to thank my drum tech Jay, the one who got me to the skill level I'm at now and has been one of the only people that I look up to as a role model. I would also like to thank my family for supporting me as a musician.

Deyanira Rodriguez will be performing in the DHS Band as the lead Alto Saxophonist. I have been in multiple Dieruff band performances & the 2022 High Notes Gala. I am involved in Dieruff's Marching & jazz band, color guard & El Sistema Lehigh Valley's orchestra/choir. My plan is to major in music performance. I would like to thank my family, friends & fellow band mates for being the ones who I can always go to for support, and lastly, Mr. Sendef, for always looking out for me and never doubting me and my abilities in any way shape or form.

Eden Sendef joins as a guest performer. She is a ninth-grade student at Parkland High School and will be playing bass for the Gala. This year I will perform with orchestras and bands around the Lehigh Valley on trumpet. I want to thank my father for his support and encouragement in my music career. It is because of him I have the wonderful opportunity to perform with this band.



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Andrew Tejeda See Spittin' Truth for biography.

Marilov Vasquez will be playing 3rd trumpet. I have been to a Steel Stacks performance and a winter concert. My activities are a choir group, a concert band, and a new musical called "Seussical." I am in a church group, take piano classes, and work with kids. My plan is to get a good job, stay in college and be an architect. I would like to thank my music teacher and my mom and grandma, and my little cousins for always being there. **Pedro Vega**

Technical Crew, William Allen High School

Mr. Marc Hissam, Director, WAHS Tech Crew and High Notes Gala Technical Director: Marc D. Hissam began working on stage as crew when in 7th grade eventually becoming a professional part-time stagehand with the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees. Being a life-long learner, Marc has earned degrees from four different colleges and universities. As well as holding a Principal certification, he is certified to teach numerous subjects, has been teaching for over 31 years, and is currently an Inclusion Learning Support teacher at Allen. He has been active with the WAHS Theatre program since 2006, and the ASDF Gala since its inception.

Yesenia Baxter See WAHS Chorale for biography.

Mikayla Derr is the lighting designer and operator at WAHS. She began her sophomore year and has worked on shows such as the annual Rocky Horror Picture Show, Grease, and upcoming Little Shop of Horrors. "Micky," as she is more commonly known, would like to thank her mentors, Jacob Moretz and Marcus Geise, as well as her fellow techs, Joshua Trotter and Yesenia Baxter, and finally her boyfriend and actor, Elliot Mercedes.

Victoria Gutierrez is a Junior at Allen. Crew is their main activity, with their main interests being in art and set design. This is their first Gala.

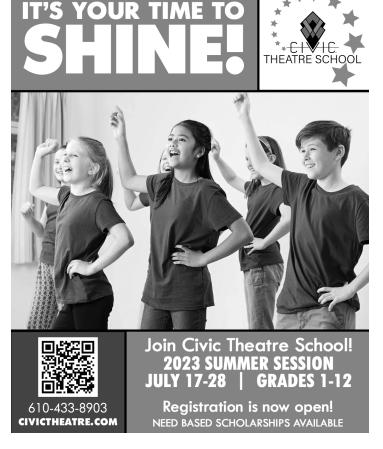
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Joshua Trotter has been a sound engineer for every show at Allen for the past two years. I'm also the foreman of the stagecraft build crew having built and painted the sets for both last years and this year's spring musicals. I play the piano and I plan on becoming a radiologist. I'd like to thank my family, friends, and Mr. Hissam for guiding me through these new experiences with stage work.

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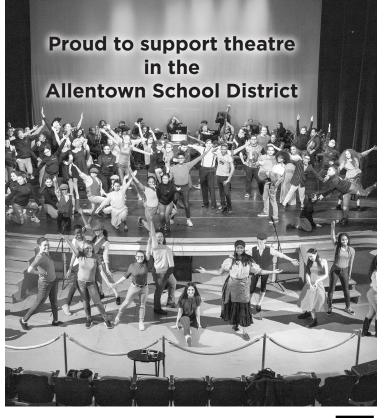


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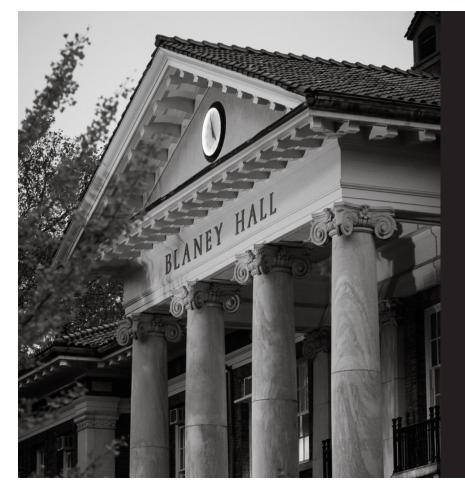


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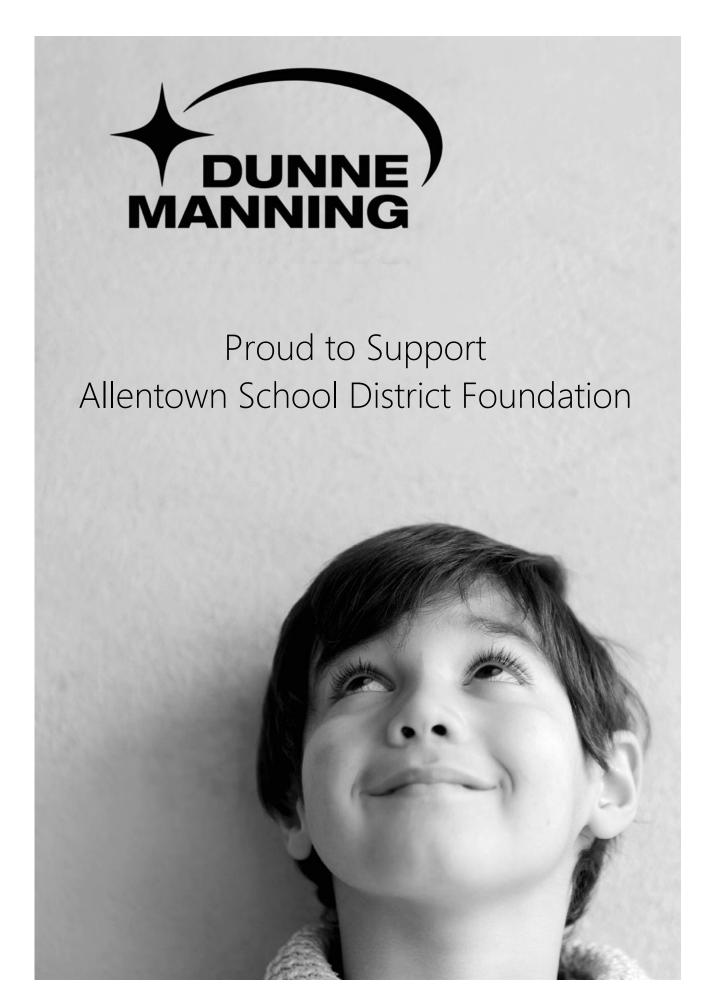
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