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PAVING THE WAY FOR 1ST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS

Williamsport native and WAHS graduate **Jim Sullivan '70** and his older brother were the first in their family to attend college. The value of the education Jim received at the University of Colorado was passed on to his children, now graduates of the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

To continue supporting future generations in their pursuit of higher education, Jim and his wife, Annette, endowed the Jim Sullivan and Family Scholarship Fund at the WASD Education Foundation. Funds generated from the endowment will be used to support a WAHS grad who is the first member of their family to attend a college or university and commits to participating in a free online mentorship program, America Mentors, to help guide them to graduation starting on their first day.

"Families are usually positively transformed when a high school graduate pursues higher education," Jim said, "but the majority of first-generation college students drop out by sophomore year due to a lack of direction, support and mentorship."

This requirement, Jim said, will help students navigate the unfamiliar collegiate processes and challenges.

Now a resident of Appleton, Wisconsin, Jim is the CEO and founder of Sullivision.com, a food service and retail industry resource for results-driven training tools and programs. His clients include Walt Disney, McDonald's, American Express, Panera Bread, and Starbucks.

"The Sullivan family hopes that by establishing this scholarship, we will help deserving Williamsport students and families improve both their future and our communities," Jim said. "Go Millionaires!"

TIM MONTGOMERY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND ESTABLISHED TO 'CARRY ON HIS LEGACY'

A new scholarship fund was created at the WASD Education Foundation last fall in memory of Tim Montgomery, WAHS's winningest coach.

The Tim Montgomery Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by his family to memorialize the health and physical education teacher who taught at WAHS and coached the Millionaire football team for more than 25 years.

He passed away at the age of 74 on Aug. 15 after a long battle with cancer.


Montgomery came to WAHS in 1977 from Shamokin. It was a move that laid the foundation for a storied career and one that earned him a spot in the Pennsylvania Scholastic Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2003 as the winningest coach in WAHS's 120-year history. His coaching career at WAHS amassed a record of 165 wins, 93 losses and three ties.

He retired in 2001.

"As a dedicated (teacher) and head football coach, he exemplified the hard work, discipline and honor he taught to his students and athletes," his family stated. "His dry sense of humor and caring for young men and women impacted generations. Coach Montgomery's family, friends, students

and players would like to establish this scholarship in his memory to carry on his legacy."

Future recipients of the scholarship must be a "football player of outstanding character who plans to continue his education and who displays qualities that Coach Montgomery valued. The recipient should demonstrate integrity and hard work, both in the classroom and on the field."

LEARNING THE POWER OF INNOVATION
 In September, the WASD Education Foundation hosted William Kamkwamba, author of The New York Times best-selling memoir *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*. The book recounts the Malawian native's effort to build a windmill from scrap that brought electricity and water to his village at just 14 years old. He spent time with eighth-grade students at WAMS, who read his book and designed their own windmills using software and equipment from KidWind. His visit to WAMS and KidWind equipment were funded using EITC funds from the First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania.



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BOARD MEETINGS

- April 7
- April 21
- May 5
- May 19
- June 2
- June 16 (2020-2021 Budget Adoption)

All meetings begin at 6 p.m. and are held in the District Service Center Board Room.

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ON THE COVER

Kindergarten student **Ammarrah Renee Wells** works at her desk at Jackson Primary School.



COURTESY OF THE WILLIAMSPORT SUN-GAZETTE

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Community,

We've had a very busy and exciting year so far.

The following pages are packed with the activity and news that has happened over the last several months, and I'm proud of what it shows. We've welcomed new faces to our administrative team and continue to make advancements to our programming so that the best traditional and progressive educational practices are in place to ensure our students are future ready. I'm excited to see where the remainder of the year takes us as spring ushers in its round of musicals and concerts, celebrations of academic and athletic achievements, and, of course, graduation.

On the business end of the district, we've made progress on our district-wide feasibility study, led by Crabtree, Rohrbaugh & Associates. An in-house core team along with a 30-member community steering committee have been hard at work reviewing the state

and condition of our facilities. Together, we're working to define a prioritized course of action as recommendations and options on addressing our needs come into focus. I encourage you to pay close attention to our website and local media as developments are made throughout the remainder of this study.

As always with each spring, we'll be hard at work on building and fine-tuning our 2020-2021 budget. We invite you to stay informed in this process as we provide presentations and updates during our school board meetings.

As we close out what I believe will be another successful year, I hope you'll take the opportunity to join us at any one of our many upcoming spring events.

Sincerely,



Dr. Timothy S. Bowers
Superintendent



WELCOME ▲ Ms. Star Poole became the newest member of the WASD School Board in December. She replaced Mrs. Brette Confair, whose term expired.



SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION ▲ In observance of School Board Appreciation Month, students from across the district honored board members for their service by presenting them with a dedicated, brand-new book for installation in their respective school libraries. Here, school board President Lori Baer stands with Hepburn-Lycoming Primary student **Peyton Pennycoff** as she is presented with a book.

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THIRD-GRADE STUDENTS in Mrs. Stacy Holt's classroom at Cochran Primary took what they learned on composing friendly letters and wrote to and made pillows to uplift the spirits of kids like them who are suffering as part of September's Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. The students presented their gifts to Dr. Michelle Cavanaugh, whose 9-year-old daughter, Callie, passed away in 2018 from cancer.

CURTIN INTERMEDIATE set a new school record during its #socktober campaign, collecting 5,398 pairs of socks, shattering 2018's record-setting number of 5,001. In its sixth year, Curtin has collectively received more than 20,000 pairs.

IT WAS A DAY OF CAREER EXPLORATION for middle school students in November. In its first Pathways to Your Future Career Fair, students rotated through a gym full of representatives from area businesses, colleges and universities, and the military. Students from WAHS's Career and Technical Education Program also were on site to share information about their courses with their younger peers.



BY THE NUMBERS > CAREER & COLLEGE READINESS PROGRAMS AT WAHS

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE)

15
CTE PROGRAMS
OFFERED AT WAHS

582
STUDENTS CURRENTLY
ENROLLED IN A CTE
PROGRAM

PENN COLLEGE NOW

17
PENN COLLEGE
COURSES OFFERED
FOR FREE THROUGH
PCT NOW

163
STUDENTS CURRENTLY
ENROLLED IN A PENN
COLLEGE NOW
COURSE

\$330,000
SAVED BY STUDENTS IN TUITION IN
2018-2019 THROUGH PCT NOW

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) PROGRAMS

16
AP PROGRAMS
OFFERED AT WAHS

249
AP EXAMS WERE TAKEN
IN 2019

368
STUDENTS CURRENTLY
ENROLLED IN A COURSE

59%
EARNED A QUALIFYING
SCORE OF 3+ IN 2019



WITH COMMITTEES IN PLACE, WASD CONTINUES FEASIBILITY STUDY PROCESS

Last spring, the WASD Board of Directors authorized the commission of a district-wide feasibility study to develop a long-range comprehensive facilities improvement plan and to determine current facility project needs.

Last fall, the school board hired Crabtree, Rohrbaugh & Associates, of Mechanicsburg, to conduct the study.

"Our goal is to get a clear and defined picture on the state of our facilities so that we can develop a prioritized course of action," said Superintendent Dr. Timothy S. Bowers. "The health of the district not only depends upon the strength and relevancy of our programs but also on the state and conditions of our buildings. We believe strongly in protecting our assets. The results of the study will help us to develop a plan that keeps us on pace and as cost-effective as possible in our operations."

Not since the 2007-2008 academic year has the district undergone a

comprehensive feasibility study, which, at the time, served as a launching pad for the 2013 district-wide grade reconfiguration and the construction and renovation projects at WAHS and what is now WAMS.

Since October, the firm has conducted an examination on the state of all nine of the district's buildings. It also has been working closely with a core team of district administrators and board members. In addition, the district also assembled a 30-member community steering committee to be involved and provide input into the process with the architectural firm.

While major developments have yet to occur, the architects hope to provide a slate of options later this spring or summer.

2020-2021 ENROLLMENT

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



WASD
Enrollment Center

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Registration will be handled alphabetically by last name. To register your child, you must attend on the appropriate day:

Monday, March 23:	A-F
Tuesday, March 24:	G-L
Wednesday, March 25:	M-S
Thursday, March 26:	T-Z
Friday, March 27:	Open A-Z

It does not matter how early you arrive on your designated registration day. All students will be assigned to their home area school as long as they are registered by June 5, 2020.

MARCH 23-27, 2020

Kindergarten registration week is your chance to get an early start on the first day of school. All registrations for the 2020-2021 school year will occur from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Enrollment Center at the Williamsport Area School District Service Center, 2780 West Fourth St.

Children must be age 5 on or before Sept. 1, 2020, in order to enroll.

Please bring the following documents to registration:

- Child's birth certificate
- Parent / Guardian photo ID
- Proof of residency
- Child's immunization records to-date
- Record of School-Age Dental Examination and Medical Examination, if completed. **Must be on file by Aug. 28.**

All school assignments will be based on home address, as per school board policy. All families who register will receive a free copy of our *Welcome to Your School* storybook, a family-friendly introduction to our primary schools!

Questions can be directed to Shelly McKernan, registrar, at 570-327-5500, ext. 40001.

Students registered after June 5 will not be guaranteed enrollment in their home school, and will be placed by the district.



**DON'T WAIT UNTIL
REGISTRATION
WEEK!**

If you have Internet access at home, you can complete registration online at home and set up an appointment to complete the registration in as little as 15 minutes at the District Service Center. Please be sure to bring all supporting documentation to the appointment to ensure registration can be completed.

To register from home, visit:
<https://registration.wasd.org>





WAHS SENIOR Erin Reilly was named a Commended Student in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program. About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation were recognized for their exceptional academic promise.

WAMS STUDENTS DONATED

\$870 to the Williamsport Bureau of Police's K-9 Unit in January. Members of the school's Positivity and Builders clubs raised the funds by collecting donated dog and cat treats that they packaged and sold.



TITLE 1, CURTIN AND LYCOMING VALLEY INTERMEDIATE

paired up in the first "Hour of Code" nights offered to the schools' families. The events celebrated not only literacy but also provided an opportunity for families to experience all the innovative ways students are learning in the classroom. From virtual reality to coding, parents were able to test drive some of the tools used today that are helping to prepare students for their futures.



(Above) From back left is Title 1 Literacy and Reading Coach Erin Brouse, Federal Programs Director Patricia Wylie and Principal Cindy Schuyler. At front from left are first-grade students **Gabriel Frey, Samaya Garfield, Talib Collins, Mylah Engel, Lauren Garcia,** and **Dylan Bower.**

COCHRAN PRIMARY NAMED 2019-2020 TITLE 1 DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL

The 1500 Cherry St.-school is one of 93 across the Commonwealth selected for ranking among the top 5 percent of Title 1 schools that exhibited academic growth during the two most recently completed school years.

Cochran was formally recognized at the 2020 PA Title 1 Improving School Performance Conference in Pittsburgh on Jan. 27.

PDE defines Title 1 as a "100 percent federally funded supplemental education program that provides financial assistance to local educational agencies to improve educational opportunities for educationally deprived children. Title 1 programs are designed to help children meet the state content and performance standards in reading, language arts, and mathematics."

The driving factors that Principal Cindy Schuyler said she believes helped the recognition is not only the high-quality instruction students receive at Cochran but also the support of the district administration and the school community as a whole.

"It's apparent that what is done on a daily basis is good for our students," Schuyler said. "One common factor that

our students get is quality instruction from quality teachers, along with the entire Cochran community helping as a support system. Our entire staff deserves recognition for their effort in helping us achieve this honor."

"What an honor to be recognized among the top schools across the state," said WASD Federal Programs Director Patricia Wylie. "I'm proud of the work of our faculty and students to show such growth. We will continue to focus our efforts on academic achievement for all students."

"For Cochran Primary to be recognized as a Title 1 Distinguished School is a testament to the hard work our faculty and administration put in every day to ensure our students succeed academically," said Superintendent Dr. Timothy S. Bowers. "I congratulate them on this honor and commend them for their efforts."

WAHS JUNIOR EARNS 1ST PLACE WIN AT POETRY OUT LOUD COMPETITION

Junior **Oam Patel** competed at the Poetry Out Loud state championship after securing a first-place win at the regional level in Towanda on Jan. 8.

Patel earned his first-place win by reciting "Dream Song 14" by John Berryman, "After Working 60 Hours Again for What Reason?" by Bob Hicok, and "Charles Sumner" by Charlotte L. Fortin Grimke.

The 2020 state championship took place on March 9 at the Harrisburg State Museum.



\$35,000 PAsmart Grant to Fund Start of New AP Computer Science Course

This winter, WASD learned through State Sen. Gene Yaw's office that it was among five other local school districts to receive a \$35,000 PAsmart grant.

Funds from the grant will be used to expand access to STEM and computer science opportunities at WAHS through the implementation of a new Advanced Placement (AP) computer science course, an addition to the 16 AP courses already available.

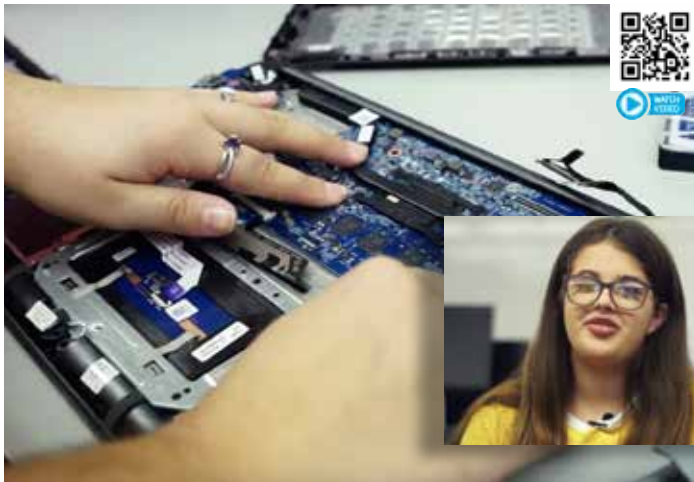
"The development and delivery of the College Board AP computer science course is unique to the area and demonstrates the school district's commitment to academic excellence and pursuit of leading-edge curriculum," said Superintendent Dr. Timothy S. Bowers. "The grant was written collaboratively by Director of Federal Programs Patricia Wylie and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Susan Bigger. The grant will enhance the multiple STEM opportunities within WASD, and prepare our students with the skills and abilities to meet the

economic needs of the 21st century."

The new AP course will be available to WAHS students beginning in the 2020-2021 school year.

According to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Gov. Tom Wolf secured \$40 million in 2019 to strategically invest in education and workforce development through PAsmart. The Pennsylvania Workforce Development Board provided recommendations and approved the framework for the funding priorities.

"These state investments in STEM-based education and computer science enable us to continue to build a highly-skilled workforce across Pennsylvania," Sen. Yaw said. "I thank the Governor and Education Secretary Rivera on this important funding to our local intermediate unit and schools."



Watch how senior **Paige Diabelko** has benefitted from WAHS's CIT program.

PAEA NAMES WASD A '2019 OUTSTANDING VISUAL ARTS COMMUNITY'

Early last fall, the WASD art department was recognized as a 2019 Outstanding Visual Arts Community from the Pennsylvania Art Education Association (PAEA) for its commitment to visual arts education.

"In the WASD, we are growing a connected community of creative individuals who have the artistic skills to self-express, take risks and cultivate positive change in the world," said Dr. Andrea McDonough Varner, the district's K-12 art department coordinator. "(This distinction) is one that our team accepts with pride and will continue to uphold on behalf of our students."



Art students at WASD celebrate the importance of a well-rounded education with opportunities to engage in arts education courses at all grade levels, McDonough Varner added.

WASD PUBLISHES 1ST ANNUAL REPORT TO PUBLIC

WASD released its first-ever annual report earlier this year, highlighting the district's key activities, data and financials between July 1, 2018, and June 30, 2019.

"This publication is meant to serve as a reflection on the 2018-2019 school year," writes Superintendent Dr. Timothy S. Bowers and school board President Lori Baer on its opening page. "It is meant to provide an account to you on what we believe was an important year for us here at WASD."

In addition to serving as an

accountability piece, it was produced to help further the district's efforts to "raise awareness of the work being done and give our stakeholders a snapshot of what we are able to accomplish with the resources and support provided to us," according to Bowers and Baer.

Printed copies of the annual report are available to the public at the District Service Center, 2780 West Fourth St. It can also be downloaded from the district's website, www.wasd.org.



PERSON OF THE YEAR ▲ WAHS senior **Zoe Wagner** was named the Williamsport Sun-Gazette's 2019 Person of the Year! Through her unwavering spirit, Zoe's philanthropic efforts have helped to brighten the lives of children through her Make-a-Wish Foundation fundraisers over the last several years to the tune of more than \$20,000!

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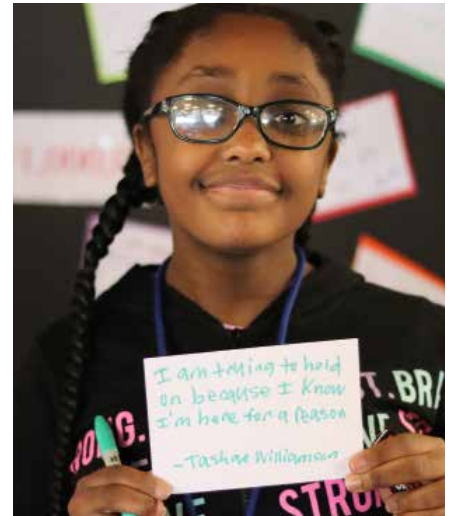
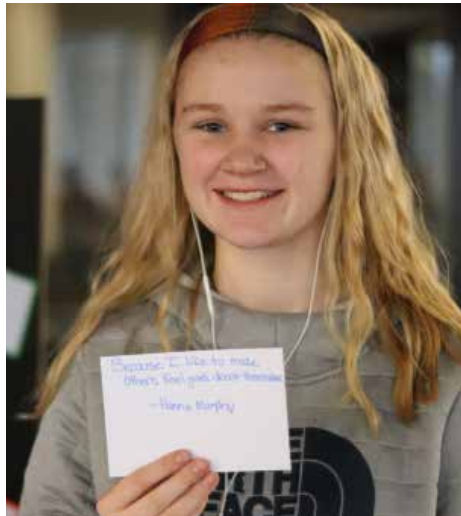
➤ **DISTRICT CHAMPS!** The Millionaire wrestlers won their first District Dual Meet Championship in school history on Feb. 1 in Dubois.



➤ **CHEERS FOR THE CHEERLEADERS** Williamsport Area Middle School and Williamsport Area High School cheerleaders earned first-place wins on Feb. 1 at the Mountain League Cheerleading Championships.



➤ **ALL-STATE RECOGNITION —** During a recent half-time ceremony, senior **Katie Penman** was presented with her All-State soccer photo.



You Are One in a Million(aire)

On the theme of “You Are One in a Million(aire),” WAHS observed a Mental Health Awareness Week in January with an exercise in self expression to “promote the idea that each student is special and contributes to our school in a positive way,” according to school psychologist Keri Nasdeo and social worker Heather Way. At lunch, students were encouraged to write on a card what makes them 1/1,000,000 at a display table that also contained a spread of resources from places like NAMI of North Central Pennsylvania and the West Branch Drug and Alcohol Abuse Commission.



CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION Junior **Cecilia Fink**'s charity Be You Boldly granted \$18,076 to K's for Cancer and the River Valley Regional YMCA's Livestrong Program. Part of the charitable donation was made from her third annual Pie Day 5K held on Thanksgiving morning. The event helped to raise a net total of \$16,076, divided evenly between the two nonprofit organizations. An additional \$2,000 was raised through her jewelry sales during 2019, directly supporting K's for Cancer.

Welcome: Supervisors of Elementary Special Education, Secondary Curriculum

Two new administrators recently joined the curriculum team. WASD welcomed alumnus **Dr. Chad Greevy '91** as its Secondary Curriculum Supervisor and named newcomer **James DeSantis** as its Elementary Special Education Supervisor.



Greevy comes to the district from Loyalsock Township School District, where he served as its middle school principal.

He replaces Dr. Bernadette Boerckel, who resigned from the district in September for other employment.

Greevy brings more than 20 years of professional and administrative experience to the position. He started his career in education in 2000 as a language arts teacher at Curtin Middle School. He also worked as an assistant principal for Donald E. Schick Elementary School and Loyalsock Township High School before moving into his latest administrative post as principal at Loyalsock Township Middle School.

In addition to his work in public education, he also served as an adjunct

professor for Wilkes University.

A Williamsport native and 1991 WAHS graduate, Greevy earned his Bachelor of Arts in English from Allegheny College, a Master of Education in Educational Leadership from Wilkes University, and his Education Doctorate Degree from Immaculata University.

DeSantis comes to the district from the Harris County School District in Hamilton, Georgia, where he served as its special education director. He replaces Jeff Moore, who served in the role in an interim capacity.

DeSantis brings more than 20 years of professional and administrative experience to the position. He started his career in education in 1998 as a speech-language pathologist for Quitman County School

District in Georgetown, Georgia, where he also served as its special education director. He's also worked as a speech-language pathologist for the Randolph County School System in Cuthbert, Georgia, before moving into his latest administrative post.

A New Castle, Pennsylvania, native, DeSantis earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from Slippery Rock University, a master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology from Edinboro University, and an educational specialist degree in Educational Leadership from Columbus State University. He also holds educational leadership and speech-language pathology certifications in both Pennsylvania and Georgia.



OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AND STUDENT

Cochran Primary second-grade teacher Kristiann McQuown (above, left) and WAHS senior **Zoe Wagner** (above, right) were recognized during the Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce's annual Education Celebration held on March 5. The two were recognized as part of this year's slates of Outstanding Educators and Outstanding Students.

SCHOLASTIC ART & WRITING AWARD WINNERS

Five eighth-grade students at Williamsport Area Middle School were recognized for earning regional Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. Three earned the coveted Gold Key Award for their work in two categories. In the Short Story category, **Megan Radspinner** for "Fight to Victory" and **Samuel Radulski** for "The Midnight Forest." In the Personal Essay and Memoir Category, **Tuesday Ungard** for "The Wilderness." Two also earned an Honorable Mention in the Short Story Category. **Chloe Campbell** for "New Girl," and **Fatima Zeshan** for "Grit in the Grim." The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards are the nation's longest-running and most prestigious recognition program for creative teens in grades 7-12.



From left is Samuel Radulski, Tuesday Ungard, Fatima Zeshan, Chloe Campbell and Megan Radspinner.

#DRESSDOWN4WASD



In partnership with the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank, the WASD Education Foundation conducted a "Dress Down for Williamsport Schools" day on Oct. 18. The school and business communities were able to purchase a "This Shirt Feeds a Future" T-shirt to benefit the district-wide BackPack Program to help feed food-insecure students. The drive generated \$6,810.



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FUNDED FLAGS A grant received from the Anthony L. DiSalvo II American Flag Fund at the First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania will be used to replace some classroom flags for the Pledge of Allegiance.

IT DOESN'T HAVE TO END HERE! Want more? Our online presence continues to grow! Keep up-to-date with announcements, photos, news and events happening around the district on a daily basis by following us on social media. Join the conversation and become a part of the WASD online community that has grown to more than 8,530 people!



FROM THE VAULT ▼



We're taking a look back at life at WHS 81 years ago in 1939.

The traditional spring play that year was "Through the Keyhole" by William F. Davidson. According to that year's La Memoire, the play was "a sparkling comedy which related the tale of an aged grandmother and her grandchildren, a boy and a girl, who were under the influence of gold-diggers. With the aid of a butler and a French maid, who was really an actress, grandma uncovered the gold-digger's intentions and saved her grandchildren from unhappy



marriages."

Coached by Mrs. Elizabeth Reed Mann, the cast included Luetta Hill, Betty McClosky, William Schultz, Jack McKee, Robert Lamade, Vivian Frey, Faye Waltz and Alfred Colt. The entire production was under the general supervision of teacher Miss Clara M. Casner.

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PLANNING YOUR GIFT: WAYS TO SUPPORT THE WASD EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Financial gifts to the WASD Education Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization, make a difference for current and future WASD students and facilitate opportunities to learn and grow through budget enhancements.

It is through the generosity of gifts like yours that our students are served by WASDEF. Below is a summary of the many ways a gift can be made or planned:

- Outright Gift of Cash
- Matching Gift
- In-Kind Gift
- Outright Gift of Appreciated Securities
- Outright Gift of Real Estate
- Bequest
- Gift of Retirement Assets
- Gifts of Insurance Policy Proceeds

Since 2004, WASDEF has been supporting students and teachers with the financial resources provided by donors. Over the last five school years, WASDEF has generated more than \$2.9 million in revenue and has allocated more than \$1.8 million to the district in support of capital projects, innovative programs and initiatives, and scholarships. In that same time period, the Foundation has grown by \$377,727.



GOING 'OVER THE EDGE' The WASD Education Foundation once again partnered with the River Valley Regional YMCA and YWCA Northcentral PA in Over the Edge. The nonprofits have banded together since 2018 to bring the event to the city, and collectively have raised more than \$100,000 between the three of them for their respective communities. **The 2019 event, which took place on Oct. 27, raised \$10,830 for WASDEF.** Over the Edge is set to return again in 2020 on Saturday, Sept. 19.

APPRECIATION AND HONOR The WASD Education Foundation held its second Donor & Alumni Appreciation Event on Sept. 26, 2019, in the Michael Ross Room at Trade and Transit Center II.

The education foundation recognized its donors, their philanthropy and honored this year's three Williamsport Area High School Distinguished Alumni: **Dr. Callah Antonetti '05, Susan Durrwachter '81** and the late **Capt. Chancellor Alfonso "Pete" Tzomes '62.**

The event's keynote speaker was William Kamkwamba, author of the New York Times best-selling memoir, *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*. He shared his story of growing up in Malawi and his drive to bring change to his suffering community. He also spoke to his current initiative of working to build an innovation center for Malawian youth.

The evening was sponsored in part by Larson Design Group and Hudock Capital.



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The WASD Education Foundation, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, is the official gift-receiving entity for WASD.

2020 Summer Reading Program

Share your reading adventures with us on social media this summer with this hashtag **#MillionairesRead**



Here's how it works!

While automatically enrolled in the summer reading program, incoming kindergarten through sixth-grade students are required to fill out and return their Summer Reading Program Log when they return to school on **August 31**. Students who complete the program will be honored at their schools in September with a personalized, brand-new book to first read and then donate to their school library.

Help build your school (and home) library collection by reading this summer!

By completing the Williamsport Area School District's summer reading program, "**Millionaires Read**," incoming kindergarten through sixth-grade students can **earn a brand-new book for their school library, dedicated in their name**, through the WASD Education Foundation's "Building Libraries Through Literacy" program. Those who complete the program **also will receive a \$5 gift certificate to Otto Bookstore** in downtown Williamsport to put toward a purchase of a new book for your own home library!



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