

Dakota Ridge High School Awards & Recognitions



Congratulations: **2021-22**

Congratulations
Dakota Ridge High School 2022 Graduates

Good the Core Staff: **Jessica Koehler**

Dakota Ridge participated in the Model United Nations Conference.

Owen Wolfinger

Nevaeh Montoya

Carson Repins

Carson won both Best Position Paper and Delegate Honorable Mention.

DRHS hosted our first ever Super Smash Bros Unlimited tournament. This was an exciting opportunity for our students to compete in one of the fastest growing sports in the nation. The winners of the first Super Smash Bros Tournament:

Bronze: **Kane Mullin**

Silver: **Alex DiGiovanni**

Gold: **Mason Deza**

2022 Boettcher Scholarship Recipient

Tvisha Londhe

2022 JCAA Assistant Principal of the Year

Kim Keller who was selected as the 2022 JCAA Assistant Principal of the Year for her excellence in leadership and contribution to the students, staff, and community of Jefferson County.

FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) State

Louis Stempfer - placed 7th in Marketing

Christian Slocomb - Accounting 1

Lauren Mandziak - Hospitality Management

Signey Logan - placed 8th in Insurance and Risk Management

Alexa Moss - placed 7th in Cyber Security

Sophia Chavez - Public Speaking

Jaz Armijo - Sports Management

FCCLA State Competition:

Hope Williams and Isabel Long received Silver! Valencia Martinez received Gold, qualifying for Nationals!

Jefferson County Art Show

Drawing: Annamarie Burford-3rd Place, Danica Smith-Honorable Mention, Josie Corridori, Lily Bender-Stone, Ashley Amwoza, Corbin Varner(2 works selected in this category)

Painting: Olivia Houghton (offered purchase award), Mallory Paulsen, Ashley Amwoza

Digital Photography: Sofia Gibiete, Talia Brown

Photography Traditional: Camry Gullickson-Honorable Mention

Mixed Media: Talia Brown

Printmaking: Camry Gullickson

Sculpture: Karle Sandifer

Jewelry/Metalsmithing: Corbin Varner

IB Coordinator Holly Davis has been named as the new Rocky Mountain Association of IB World Schools (IBARMS) IBARMS President. The purpose of the IBARMS organization is the continuous improvement, support, and recognition of established and developing International Baccalaureate Programs in the Rocky Mountain region.

2023 National Merit Scholarship Program

Eva J Bennion

Teacher Appreciation Recipients

The Columbine Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Brittany Chiavini

Susan Doy

The Highlands Ranch Colorado Stake Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

April Bell

Staff of the Month Cathy Labbat

Student of the Month Jeffrey Hoang

Good to the Core
Kat Paez

National Merit Scholarship Program Certificate of Merit

Madisen S. Hamai

Juniors – Successful English Capstone Presentations

The Jeffco Graduation Capstone is a body of work that begins when students identify an area of study. Using investigation, research, and the application of the Generation Skills, students become resident experts in their focus area. Through this work, they explain, defend, and apply their Graduation Capstone work to demonstrate English and Math proficiency towards required graduation demonstration.

Future Business Leaders of America - Students Who Qualified for State

Louis Stempfer - Marketing - (2nd Place) & Organization Leadership (1st)

Charlotte Bond and Berkley Antener - Social Media Marketing (3rd Place)

Berkley Antener - Human Resource Management (1st Place)

Sophia Chavez - Public Speaking - (4th Place)

Lauren Mandziak - Hospitality and Event Management - (3rd Place)

Signey Logan - Insurance & Risk (3rd Place)

Jazmine Armijo - Sports and Entertainment Management - (1st Place)

Alexa Moss - Cyber Security (4th place)

Good to the Core: Kay Newcomer

Staff of the Month: Sierra Reitz

Student of the Month: Kyla Adams

Boettcher Scholarship Finalists:

Hannah van Duursen and Tvisha Londhe

Daniel's Fund Scholarship Finalist

Hailey Choi

JCAA Leadership Award

Mrs. Keller exemplifies the Jeffco Core Values of Valuing People, Team Work, Integrity, and Exemplary Performance.

Good to the Core: Heidi Geyer

Staff of the Month: Angie Beasley

Student of the Month: Ethan Barker

Colorado All State Choir

Bryce Anderson, Ashlee Espinoza, Alyssa Keller, Grace Miller, and April Morrow

Senior Avery Wagner (viola) and sophomore Madeline Herring (cello) for being selected for the 2021-2022 Colorado All State Orchestra! These two DRHS musicians were among hundreds of students who auditioned, and they will play in the All State Orchestra concert in February 2022 at Colorado State University.

Staff of the Month:

Paul Luna

Student of the Month:

Tijiana Todorovic

Good to the Core:

David Purcell

Colorado Thespians Theater Teacher of the Year

James Young

National Merit Special Scholarship Awards - Gates Industrial Corporation Foundation

Mallory Paulsen

Haylie Swanson

DRHS Teacher Amy Ziegler

Mrs. Ziegler been nominated by Vitalant Blood Center for the Fresenius-Kabi National Donation Hall of Fame because of her dedication to saving lives and single handedly have hosted blood drives for 22 years at Dakota Ridge High School. She is one of 12 people nationally who were chosen for this Donation Hall of Fame Award.

Congratulations to DRHS Library and DTL Mallory Geotz

Fall 2021 Westerra School Grant recipient



Student of Month: Reese McMullin

Staff of the Month: Rachel Watson

Good to the Core: Susana Hann

Congratulations Homecoming Royalty

Freshmen: Natalie Neyer and Sam Callas
Sophomores: Abby Paget and ian van duursen
Juniors: Ella Aranjó and Alex Rodriguez

Seniors: Lena Henshaw and Aiden Torbet

Jeffco Talented Teacher

DRHS Teacher Michelle Guerra recognition for her excellence in building a classroom culture that is focused on the success of students.

Honor Roll Students

Spring 20-21

3.8-3.99 GPA = 51 students grades 10-12

4.0 + GPA = 242 grades 10-12

Academic Pins and Bars awarded to 282 students maintaining above 3.8 for entire 20-21 year

Screaming Eagles Marching 4A Band

1st Place

Jeffco Marching Band Festival

National Merit Scholarship Program Letters of Commendation

Alyssa Keller

Benjamin Isenhart

Isabella Hensley

Gavin Schoew

Noah Dolan

National Merit Scholarship Program Semifinalist

Madisen S Hamai

Good to the Core: Traci Nemechek

Staff of the Month: Tierre Duran

Student of the Month: Jaiden Nelson

Legacy Wall of Honors- SAT/ACT results: Congratulations to the following students who have earned a 1400+SAT and/or 30+ ACT score over the past year and a half. These students' names will be going up soon on the Legacy Wall of Honors outside the Main Office!

ELLA ARNOLD

OSCAR BENDER-STONE

NAOMI BURNETT

HAILEY CHOI

NOAH DOLAN

AARON GRAFF

MADISEN HAMAI

SCHEHERAZADE HARVEY

ISABELLA HENSLEY

GRAYSON HOUGHTON

BENJAMIN ISENHART

ALYSSA KELLER

BENJAMIN KRAUS

EZEKIEL KUNTZ

EASTON LANE

TVISHA LONDHE

MILES REITAN

GAVIN SCHOEW

ETHAN STRAUB

HAYLIE SWANSON

BELLA VIRGINIA

ALEC WIGHTMAN

2020-21

Good to Core: **Rachel Caliga**

Staff of the Month: **Brenda Lucas**

Student of the Month: **Clayton Burbach**

Class 2021 Valedictorians

Ann Whipple
Joseph Steele

Class 2021 Salutatorians

Jonathan Pazen
Hayley Thomas
Benjamin Kraus

Athletic Director – Matt Heckel

Mr. Heckel has been selected as the 20-21 JCAA honoree for Assistant Principal of the Year. Congratulations for this well-deserved honor!

Jeffco Visual Art Show Winners

Danica Smith (10th) 1st Place in Mixed Media

Emily Groza (12th) 2nd Place in Drawing

Uyen(Alice) Ly (12th) 3rd Place in Drawing

Danica Smith (10th) Ken Caryl Art Guild Award for "Skates" Drawing

2022 National Merit Scholarship Program Recognition

Noah J Dolan

Benjamin A Isenhardt

Madisen S Hamai

Alyssa R Keller

Isabella L Hensley

Gavin M Schoew

Dakota Ridge High School earned high National and metro-area rankings in 2021 Best High Schools

Brittany Chiavini was chosen to receive the FCCLA 2021 Master Adviser Award

2021 Legacy Awards

Please click here to view [Senior Legacy](#)

Please click here to view [9-11 Legacy](#)

Good to the Core: **Amy Ziegler**

Student of the Month: **Madeline Faulker**

Staff of the Month: **Diana Fella**

**Jeffco Talented Teacher - Excellence in Helping Jeffco Students to Embrace the “Communications”
Jeffco Generation Skill:**

Mrs. Jessica Koehler

Haris Ahmetspahic

Haris is a DRHS Senior, whose Never Summer snowboard design is in the Top 10 out of 100+ submitted designs for the annual Warren Tech competition.

March Honorees:

Good to the Core: **Ron Woitalewicz**

Staff of the Month: **Jared Schulz**

Student of the Month: **Collins Lau**

Staff Value Awards:

Dakota Ridge High School recognizes and celebrates our outstanding colleagues for: Integrity, Valuing People, Teamwork, Exemplary Performance, Entrepreneurial Spirt. We also select a Classified and a Certificated Staff Member of the Year.

Please click here: [2020-2021 Values Awards](#)

[Integrity: Mr. Dave Long](#) [Valuing People: Mrs. Jessica Koehler](#)

[Teamwork: Mrs. Elisabeth Anderson](#) [Exemplary Performance: Mr. Mike Dougherty](#)

[Entrepreneurial Spirit: Mrs. Christi Watts-Gebhard](#)

[Certificated Staff Member of the Year: Mrs. Kim Keller](#)

[Classified Staff Member of the Year: Mrs. Cindy Hollander](#)

**Good to the Core Staff Member:
Campus Supervisor - Tony Marchesi**

**Student of the Month
Kassidy Spencer**

DRHS Senior Charles Offerdahl

The Colorado High School Activities Association would like to extend its congratulations to DRHS and its extraordinary student-athlete Charles Offerdahl, for his recognition by the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame, Colorado Chapter. Charles was selected and will be honored at the CHSAA Spring State Football Championship.

Coach Hitzges for being CHSAA Asst. Coach of the month

**VFW Post 1 Voice of Democracy essay contest 1st Place
Julianna Knapp/Dakota Ridge HS**

**2021 National Merit Scholarship Award
Ava Paulsen**

Scholarship Sponsor – Gates Industrial Corporation Foundation

**Good to the Core:
Amy Doolittle – Area Nurse**

Student of the Month

Matthew Puccio

Staff of the Month:

Brittany Chiavini - FACS

JCAA Leadership Award

Matt Heckel – Assistant Principal/Athletic Director

Jeffco Talented Teacher Award

Susan Doy – World Language

September Recognitions

Good to the Core: Jason Casanova

Staff of the Month: Sue Spence

Student of the Month: Huyen Le

Cross Country League

Boys - 1st Place

Girls - 2nd Place

Good Luck At Regionals

State Golf

Max Hart

Jake White

National Merit Scholarship Program Letters of Commendation

Hayley Thomas

Daniel Nau

September Recognitions

Mike Dougherty – Staff Member of the Month

Good to the Core – Christi Watts-Gebhard

Emma Oryshchyn – Student of the Month
