



Comet Tale

“What’s New In The House Of Blue?”

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STATE DANCE

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Pictured Above: The BHS Dance Team strikes a funny pose at State Dance.

The Bellevue Dance Team recently brought home two plaques and one trophy from the Iowa State Dance Competition. The team, made up of seventeen members, performed on November 29th in Jazz, Hip-Hop, and Pom categories. The Hip-Hop and Pom routines both received Division I ratings, the best rating in Dance. The team also brought home a fifth-place trophy in Class III Jazz. Their group performance success rides on the back of an already successful season with an astounding homecoming show and two individual dance placements at Solo State Dance on November 2nd and 3rd. At the Solo competition, Alexia Renner, Grace Tath, Lauren Dema, and Allison Eggers gave it their all in various types of dance, from lyrical to color guard, to place at state. Of the four, two took home Division I medals: Grace Tath's solo dance and Allison Eggers's color guard routine. Their season is far from done yet, with the team now looking to future performances. Junior Brianna Busch commented that "This is one of the biggest teams we have had in a long time and I think we have done very well, especially since a lot of girls on the team have had no prior experience. I look forward to learning a lyrical dance to perform at one of the basketball games and Bleacher Blowout." The team showed off their Pom, Jazz, and Hip-Hop routines during the varsity boy's home basketball games on the 13th, 14th, and 18th of December. At future home games, the team will perform a new Lyrical piece on January 11th and a senior piece on February 1st. If you miss any of these stunning performances, you still have a chance to see them on February 10th at Bleacher Blowout which will take place in the late afternoon.

BIG UPDATES

BY: ANNA DUNNE

Students involved in the Bellevue BIG program have been hard at work this semester on their passion-based projects focused on addressing a need within the school and community. The Aquaponics group recently harvested their first batch of lettuce from their system that was purchased with grant funding. The high school salad bar utilized the produce during HS lunch, marking the completion of their group's original goal. In the future, the students hope to diversify their crops to other products for the school, as well as items to sell at local farmers markets to help pay for the system's upkeep and fish food.

Bellevue BIG Buddies, a mentoring program that pairs upper elementary students with sophomores-seniors, held an event on December 1st where the students colored and took part in team-oriented activities. Samantha Freiburger, a BIG Buddies project lead, says, "The best part of being involved in this program has been watching the relationships form between the little and big buddies and knowing that everyone involved will benefit from these relationships." This week, BIG Buddies hosts an end of the year gathering which includes a Christmas movie and other fun activities.

Unified Champions, a social cooperation between special and regular education students, will also be holding a Christmas party for all of its members. Senior Giana Michels shared that they are “very excited for the Christmas party. We plan to celebrate the holiday season by decorating cookies, participating in a White Elephant gift exchange, and playing Mario Kart.” For additional updates on this group or other Bellevue BIG projects, check out the Bellevue BIG Facebook page.

The final results from the University of Wisconsin Platteville Quizbowl are in! As a team, Bellevue placed fifth out of fourteen schools. Additionally, sophomore Juliana Penniston and freshman Ryan Dunn placed individually by scoring more than 50 points. Congratulations to all participants!

Class of 2019: Senior Profiles



Name: Molly Urbain

Parents: Todd and Heather Urbain

Future Plans: Elementary Ed/TEFL teaching

Activities: Softball and Dance

Favorite Disney Character: Jasmine from Aladdin

Advice for Underclassmen: Try your best not to procrastinate

Favorite Teacher: Mr. Anderson

Favorite Color: Red

One thing you can't live without: My mom

One word description: Goofy

Favorite TV Show: Criminal Minds

Favorite Place to Shop: Target

Hobbies: Playing softball, hanging out with my girlies ;) and going for long car rides

One Thing I Want to Be Remembered For: My goofy and up beat attitude

Name: Jack Sieverding
Parents: Michele and Mike Sieverding
Future Plans: Attend college at The University of Iowa's college of engineering
Activities: Cross Country, The Musical, Speech and Track
Favorite High School Memory: Griak 2018
Favorite Teacher: Mr. Jess
Favorite Tv Show: The Big Bang Theory
Hobbies: Chess, soccer, rafting, and rock climbing
One thing you can't live without: Water
One Word Description: Yo
Advice for Underclassmen: Remember to wear your seatbelt
Role Models: Morgan Freeman
One Thing you Want to be Remembered for: Life is swell



Name: Cassidy Meek
Parents: Phillip and Tracy Meek
Future Plans: Attend Capri College to become an esthetician
Activities: Football managing
Hobbies: Reading, sleeping, listening to music, being with friends and shopping
Favorite place to shop: Ulta
One thing you can't live without: My family
Favorite Restaurant: Oamera Bread
Advice for underclassmen: Take advantage of online classes; they WILL help you more than you think.
People say I look like: My mom
Favorite Color: Purple
Deam Car: Mercedes Benz G Wagon
One thing you want to be remembered for: Being a genuine person.



Believe in the Blue!