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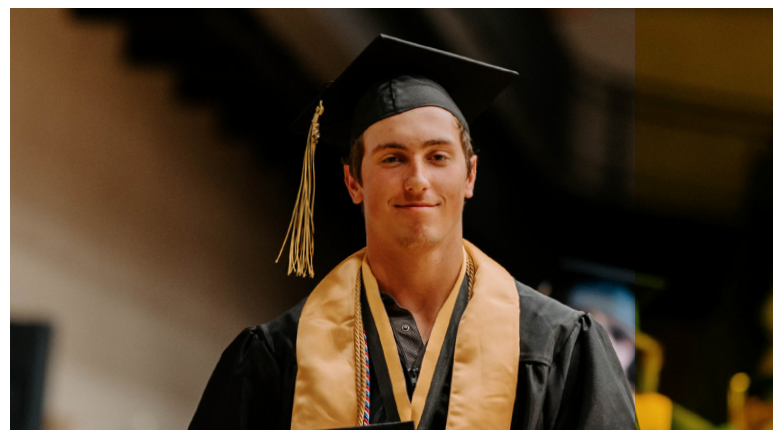
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**CLASS OF 2022  
CELEBRATES  
THEIR HAMILTON  
EXPERIENCE AT  
COMMENCEMENT**

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**SENIOR MICHAEL MARSHALL II WINS  
DAR GOOD CITIZEN AWARD**

**JUNE/JULY 2022**

# SAYING GOODBYE TO HAMILTON, ENSURING EACH CHILD HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO THRIVE

By: Dave Tebo



The end of the 2021-22 school year is here and it is a bittersweet one for me as I transition into a new role in July and say goodbye to my work home of the past 11 and a half years. This year, like all of those before it, has been an amazing gift. From watching our graduates cross the stage to seeing our kindergarteners finish their first year of school, the students and staff of Hamilton grew, learned, and experienced new and

exciting things.

Thank you to the students, staff and community for a great year. From the performance stages to robotics to DECA to our athletic courts and fields, our Hawkeyes accomplished amazing things. As we look to next

year, even more exciting opportunities await each and every one of our talented young people.

Eleven and a half years ago I walked into this district with a heart full of hope and an excitement to see all of the great things we were doing with young people. Today, I couldn't be more proud our students and our staff. This school district is one of the best in the state and we should be proud of the work of our staff and students.

Hamilton is truly a COMMUNITY school and that solid foundation will continue to allow our students to excel long into the future. I am humbled to have been able to serve as your superintendent. I have made mistakes, learned and grown alongside the students and staff and that gift is something I will cherish forever. I wish all of you the best in the years to come and look forward to seeing how this community continues to grow and flourish ensuring that each child has the opportunity to thrive.



## HAMILTON ROBOTICS TEAM GROWS, WINS DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

This year was a monumental year for the Hamilton Cyberhawks robotics team. They grew from 5 to 23 members, established over a dozen community partnerships, and WON the West Michigan District Championship. Congratulations Hamilton Cyberhawks on your impressive accomplishment!





Congratulations to our Class of 2022 Top 10 students! They are in alphabetical order: **Zachary Boehm, Laura Boeve, Tyler Gugino, Brianna Hofman, Michael Marshall II, Dana O'Connor, Alexander Pothoff, Carter Pothoff, Grant Washburn, and Ian Wettlaufer.**

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## VALEDICTORIAN BRIANNA HOFMAN



Brianna Hofman, the daughter of Richelle and Jon Hofman, is the Class of 2022 Valedictorian. She participated in band, theater, cross country, National Honor Society, and Science Olympiad. Hofman plans on attending Grand Valley State University (or Grand Valley State University's Frederik Meijer Honors

College) this fall and studying cellular and molecular biology as well as music.

"Throughout my years here, Hamilton has provided me with a welcoming and supportive environment in which I could grow and thrive," she said. "I am grateful to all the school staff, faculty members, and administrators with whom I have worked: you have all taught me valuable lessons, both about the subjects you teach as well as about life. I am extremely appreciative for all of the opportunities and skills I have gained during my time here in Hamilton."

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## SALUTATORIAN CARTER POTHOFF

Carter Pothoff, the son of Greg and Amity Pothoff, is the Class of 2022 Salutatorian.

During his time at Hamilton, Carter has participated in band, theater, Quiz Bowl, Robotics, and Science Olympiad.

Carter plans on attending Michigan Technological University to study Engineering.

"Hamilton has been an amazing place to grow up in and this school has been amazing," Pothoff said. "As I leave this place behind, I remember being treated as an individual. An individual that can accomplish great things. I will always remember Hamilton for being part of my love for learning."



# SENIOR AWARDS

**Art Award:**

Samuel Scroggins

**Athletic Boosters Scholarships:**

Leah Blood, Zachary Boehm, Michael Marshall II, Reagan Schut

**Athletic Commitment Award:**

Zachary Boehm, Caleb Geurink, William Langeland, Michael Marshall II, Blake Thomas

**Business Education Award:**

Kyle Franck

**Daughters of American Revolution Good Citizens:**

Michael Marshall II

**Drama Award - Musical:**

Connor Deters

**Drama Award - Straight Play:**

Spencer Boeve

**Hamilton Way Award:**

Grace Nyhof

**Instrumental Music Award:**

Josiah Dirkse and Tristan Kroeze

**Julie Genzink Memorial Scholarship:**

Alyssa Morgan and Mila Tasma

**Julie Genzink Scholarship for Golf and Tennis:**

Ella Folkert

**Language Arts Award:**

Anna Hartz

**Mathematics Award:**

Michael Marshall II

**Outstanding Senior Female Athlete:**

Raya VanderZwaag

**Outstanding Senior Male Athlete:**

Owen Alderink

**Patricia Winchester Vanderbilt Scholarship Award:**

Elliot Talsma

**Roger and Louise Brinks Scholarship Award:**

Leah Blood

**Science Award:**

Alexander Pothoff

**Spanish Award:**

Maria Cristal Guzman

**Social Studies Award:**

Jett Haveman

**Vocal Music Award:**

Nolan Van Houten

Visit <https://www.hamiltonschools.us/schools/hamilton-high/> for the full list of senior awards.



# DAR AWARD WINNER LEAVES POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE HAMILTON COMMUNITY



Hamilton senior Michael Marshall II is this year's Daughter of the American Revolution (DAR) Good Citizen Award winner.

Each year Hamilton teachers nominate three seniors to receive the award. Criteria they consider during the nomination process include patriotism, leadership, and community service. Then the senior class votes on the final three to determine a winner.

Michael is the son of Carl and Melissa Marshall. While attending Hamilton High School, Michael participated in football, baseball, National Honor Society, and Boy Scouts. He will attend Michigan Tech to study Mechanical Engineering.

"I feel very honored to have been nominated for this award by my teachers, and selected by my classmates," Marshall said. "I take pride in our community, and I am glad that I was able to leave a positive impact."

## HAMILTON EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GRANTS SCHOLARSHIPS TO 8 GRADUATES

There were MANY applicants and the decision process was long and hard.

This year the Hamilton Employees are pleased to announce 8 recipients of the 2022 Hamilton Employee Scholarship!

They are as follows: **Leah Blood, Ella Folkert, Brianna Hofman, Tristan Kroeze, Abigail Kuiper, Alyssa Morgan, Corynn Pratto,** and **Hailey Prys.**

Congratulations Class of 2022 Hamilton Employee Scholarship winners on your impressive accomplishments and contributions!

### The Hamilton Employee Scholarship Criteria

A student must be a 2022 graduate of Hamilton High School, plan to pursue a 2 or 4 year college degree or vocational/technical school in the fall of 2022, and have a minimum 2.5 GPA.

Other criteria considered: overall potential to be successful college student, what kind of high school student the candidate has been, if they sought out academic challenges and were successful, broad involvement in the life of the school's activities, and demonstration of financial need may be a factor.

# FULL LIST OF GRADUATING SENIORS

There were 184 Hamilton seniors who received a diploma this year. They are the following:

Alderink, Owen Gabriel  
Banger, Zoie Renea  
Basinski, Ethan Drew  
Best, Nora Anne  
Beyer, Quentin John  
Blood, Leah Nicole  
Boehm, Zachary Joseph  
Boerman, Zachery Allen  
Boeve, Laura Nicole  
Boeve, Spencer Ray  
Borg, Greyson Michael  
Bosch, Logan Jacob  
Bouwman, Zackary James  
Bowerman, John Henry  
Brenberger, Madison Paige  
Brown, Camron Michael  
Buchanan, Emerald Cherie Shalom  
Bueschel, Lewis Richard  
Burdick, Racquelle Deanna  
Byle, Gavin Randall  
Conant, Alaina Nicole  
Csapos, Cameron Vincent  
Cullen, Nicole Suzanne  
Dejonge, Simon Matthew  
Desavage, Daniel Thomas  
Deters, Connor David  
DeWitt, Brock Michael  
Dirkse, Josiah Ray  
Doeden, Sage Frances  
Doxey, Ethan Matthew  
Eaken, Breann Elizabeth  
Eckwielen, Owen Lyle  
Emelander III, Jack Michael  
Emelander, Sierra H  
Evans, Braymond James  
Evink, Jocelyn Mei  
Farris, Chloe Jade  
Fent, Grace Elizabeth  
Flinsky, Eli Michael  
Folkert, Ella Grace  
Foss, Mikala Marie  
Franck, Kyle Ryan  
Friday, Alexis Ann  
Fuzak, Brady Alexander  
Garibaldi, Joshua Daniel  
Gauthier, Bailey Ann

Genzink, Jesse David  
Geurink, Caleb Anthony  
Giron Vega, Evelyn  
Groenheide, Brielle Faith  
Gugino, Taryn Nichelle  
Gugino, Tyler Xavier  
Guzman, Maria Cristal  
Guzman, Zoe Hope  
Hambley, Samuel Bruce  
Hampton, Evelyn Bernice  
Hartz, Anna Elizabeth  
Harvey, Jessica Lynn  
Haveman, Jett Steven  
Helder, Owen Ryan  
Hoekman, Evan Leo  
Hoeve, Brogan Lee  
Hofman, Brianna Lynn  
Hope, Levi Jackson  
Hoppes, Josephine Lizbeth  
Howard, Justin Robert  
Hulst, Justin Marc  
Jipping, Alyssa Sue  
Johnson, James Michael  
Johr, Riley Alexander  
Jones, Katelyn Marie  
Kaiser, Garrett Alan  
Kaper, Kolbee J  
Kaylor, Jacob Norman  
Kessler, Makena Rylee  
Klingenberg, Lillian Margaret  
Koning, Kianna Marie Hua-Tang  
Koopman, Ashley Nicole  
Kooyers, Paige Ann  
Kragt, Justin Michael  
Kramer, Morgan Joy  
Kroeze, Tristan Jon  
Kuiper, Abigail Reagan  
Lamb, Teagan Marie  
Lampen, Riley Brynne  
Lange, Jacob Daniel  
Langeland, William John  
Lappinga, Sommer Shannon  
Leslie, Jalissa Lyn-Marie  
Lezman, Cassidy Nicole  
Lim, Payden Chan  
Ludema, Grace Elizabeth

Manson-Talley, Jomia Ler'Ria  
Mares, Mercede Grace  
Marshall II, Michael Benjamin  
Martin, Joslynn Rae  
Martinez, Breann Jane  
Medendorp, Justen Dale  
Medina, Luis Angel  
Meekhof, Dakota Michael  
Morgan, Alyssa Jean  
Morgan, Joshua AJ  
Muyskens, Catriena Jasmine  
Nelson, Natalie Elizabeth  
Nonthaweth, Edison Tai  
Nyboer, Karsyn Ryleigh  
Nyhof, Grace Eleanor  
Nykamp, Tiernan Beth  
O'Connor, Dana Jean  
Olsen, Noah Bruce  
Pack, Haley Morgan  
Pastoor, Samuel Michael  
Perales, Jacob Luis  
Persyian, Levi Allen  
Phillips, Parker Lynn  
Poppema, Allison Nicole  
Pothoff, Alexander Reese  
Pothoff, Carter David  
Pratto, Corynn Olivia  
Prince, Leah Nicole  
Prys, Hailey Lynn  
Rietveld, Luke William  
Ritchie, Lynsey Nicole  
Rizo, Benjamin Mathew  
Rodts, Katrina Alyce  
Ruiter, Malia Grace  
Ruiter, William Robert  
Salazar Dechamps, Steven Alonso  
Schakel, Aidan John  
Schaub, Maddison JoAnna  
Schut, Reagan Renae  
Schut, Rowan Elizabeth  
Schuurman, Clayton Daniel  
Scroggins, Samuel Alexander Wylie  
Selby, MaKenzi Kay  
Shaw, Ian Michael  
Shelton, Riley Sue  
Sibble, McKenzie Grace

Smith, Eliza  
Soerens, Quentin Richard  
Sterenberg, Isaac William  
Straub, Kyle Christopher  
Streur, Alyssa Nicole  
Strong, Brooke Michelle-Jeanne  
Stutzman, Brandon Kyle  
Surber, Christian James  
Sweezer, Olivia Payton  
Szymanowski, Mahlia V  
Talsma, Elliot Alan  
Tamminga, Eagan David  
Tasma, Mila Marie  
Teed, Hannah Katherine  
Thomas, Blake Edward  
Thompson, Tyler Earl  
Tingey, Judith Anne  
Tubergan, Abigail Joy  
Turner, Seth Charles  
Tyler, Max Kristian  
Valenzuela, Desiree A  
Valkema, William Allan  
Van Houten, Kennedy Alexis  
Van Houten, Nolan Benjamin  
Van Houten, Peyton Scott  
Van Houten, Samantha Clair  
VanDenBeldt, Becca Anne  
VanDenBerg, Keaton James  
VandenBrink, Spencer David  
VanderZwaag, Raya Lee  
VanKlombenberg, Mitchel Fredrick  
VanLangevelde, Kelsey Kristine  
VanVels, Mileah J  
Verhagen, Shantae Jamel-Akiya  
Victoriano Flores, Joselin Ailin  
Wardlow, Rylee Lucas  
Warnock Jr, Daniel Richard  
Washburn, Grant Marinus  
Wedeven, Sydney Joy  
Weerstra, Braylon Allen  
Welscott, Alexander James  
Westenbroek, Madison Skye  
Wettlaufer, Ian Conrad  
Williams, Megan Alea  
Windemuller, Hunter James  
Zondervan, Sara Joann





# HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL CELEBRATES CLASS OF 2022 WITH SENIOR WEEK

By: Tara Dessauer

The Student Leadership Class put on a Senior Week from May 16-20 to celebrate the seniors' last week here at Hamilton High School.

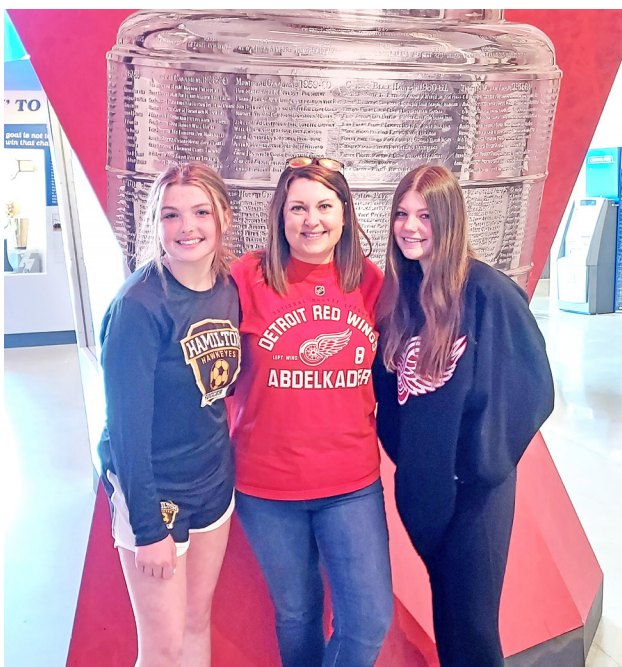
The week kicked off with an assembly Monday morning where three juniors pined Mr. Koops, Mr. Bosch and Mr. Schwitzer in the face. For the month of April, students brought in cereal to help feed families in Allegan County. Hamilton High School donated more than 900 boxes of cereal and the junior class was the winning class.

The rest of the week consisted of senior mock rocks and senior trivia games. We also organized a picnic for the seniors on the practice soccer field where students enjoyed burgers, hot dogs, and yard games.



# STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT STEM CAREERS THROUGH DETROIT RED WINGS GAME

By: Stacy DeWeerd



On April 23, I was gifted 36 free tickets to the Detroit Red Wings game from a program I use in Personal Development Class called EVERFI.

The kids did an online module about STEM careers that focused on how hockey players and those that work at Little Caesars Arena to prep the ice, equipment, and other aspects of the game use STEM skills to be successful.

Students that have taken my Personal Development Class this year were invited to go. A total of 30 Hamilton students, with their families, all went to the last home game of the year versus the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Although the Red Wings lost, a great time was had by all!

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## SCHOOL BOARD SEATS OPEN IN JANUARY 2023

Two seats on the school board of Hamilton Community Schools will be open in January of 2023. Elections to serve a six-year term on the board will take place on November 8, 2022. **Each candidate must file an affidavit of candidacy with the Allegan County Clerk no later than July 26, 2022 at 4 p.m.** Filing information can be found at [www.allegancounty.org](http://www.allegancounty.org).

The decision to become a candidate for a school board seat is one of the most important decisions that a citizen can make. Together with other members of the board, your decisions will affect the future of our students, communities, and society.

Please contact Lori Lohman at **(269) 751-5148** or [llohman@hamiltonschools.us](mailto:llohman@hamiltonschools.us) if you would like more information.

### **If interested in running for the two open seats on the Hamilton Community Schools board:**

- File with Allegan County Clerk
- Deadline is July 26 at 4 p.m.
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