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## NHS Welcomes Seven New Members

On September 29, the Rock Creek chapter of the National Honor Society inducted members for the 2010 school year. Students selected for this elite group are: Seniors *Lucas Commerford*, *Macy Umscheid*; Junior *Katie Hodges*; Sophomores *Crystal Chitwood*, *Dylan Meyer*, *Jacob Miller*, and *Shannon Oakley*.

President, *Colten Smith* began the ceremony by welcoming the inductees and recognizing their hard work required to be selected for membership of NHS. *Ashley Altenhofen*, vice president, gave a brief history of how the organization was founded in 1921. Other members, *Katie Good*, *Chelsea Ebert*, *Adam Schmitz*, and *Chase Minihan* explained the four ideals on which the organization stands: scholarship, service, leadership, and character. Next the inductees recited the pledge, led by member *Lane Frazier* and then they signed the membership register. To finalize the induction, *Jessi Snapp* shared a brief background as each inductee was given a membership card.

Mr. Post finished the ceremony by expressing how great the honor is to become a member of NHS. He also spoke of their leadership already shown and that will continue to benefit the student body at Rock Creek High School.

A reception for the new members and their families followed the ceremony.

## Rock Creek Homecoming

Homecoming festivities for 2010 culminated with the crowning of the Homecoming King and Queen at halftime of the Rock Creek football game against league foe St. Marys. *Macy Umscheid* and *Colton Smith* were chosen as this year's royal couple. Remaining candidates were *Shelby Adams*, *Ashley Altenhofen*, *Mandi Blenn*, *Skyler Beam*, *Travis Briggs*, and *Brady Quinn*.

Students at Rock Creek High School began celebrating homecoming week September 20. This year's theme was *Boys of Fall* by Kenny Chesney. Spirit week led the homecoming events with students dressing up to show their school pride. The Rock Creek cheerleaders had selected the following days: Monday was Twin Day, Tuesday was Camo Day, Wednesday was Nerd Day, Thursday was Hick Day, and Friday was Black and White Day.

The annual homecoming parade was held in St. George this year on Friday afternoon. The parade began at 2 p.m. and featured class floats, king and queen candidates, RCHS band, and cheerleaders.

The Rock Creek cheerleaders hosted a pep rally at the conclusion of the parade. Students were entertained by the king and queen candidates participating in competitions. The cheerleaders led cheers to pump up the enthusiasm and the band provided music.

Homecoming week concluded with the homecoming dance in the cafeteria. The dance began after the game and ended at midnight. Music was provided by Complete Music.



2010 Rock Creek Homecoming Royalty. Left to right: Colton Smith, Macy Umscheid, Ashley Altenhofen, Travis Briggs, Shelby Adams, Skyler Beam, Mandi Blenn and Brady Quinn

# Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Time
10/15	HSFB @ Marysville	7:00 p.m.
10/16	Debate @ Silver Lake Debate @ Jeff West HSVB @ Hillsboro	TBD TBD 9:00 a.m.
10/18	HSFB JV Marysville	6:00 p.m.
10/19	HSVB @ Riley County	5:00 p.m.
10/22	HSFB @ Nemaha Valley JH Hick Dance	7:00 p.m. 7-9 p.m.
10/23	HSCC Regionals @ Marysville HSVB Sub-State @ Silver Lake ACT Test	TBD TBD 8:00 a.m.
10/25	HSFB JV Nemaha Valley	6:00 p.m.
10/26	JHGB @ Riley County	5:30 p.m.
10/27	Parent/Teacher Conference 7-12 JH/HS Choir Concert	4-8 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
10/28	JHGB, JHWR Sports Pictures HSFB Riley County, Senior Night	2:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
10/29	No School 7-12	
10/29=10/30	HSVB State @ Salina	TBD
10/30	HSCC State @ Wamego Debate @ Junction City	TBD 8:00 a.m.
11/1	KU Honors Banquet	6:30 p.m.
11/2	HSFB Bi-District	TBD
11/4	JHGB @ Rossville	4:30 p.m.
11/5	JHGB @ Royal Valley	4:00 p.m.
11/6	Debate Novice @ Shawnee Heights Debate Olathe East Invitational HSFB Regionals HS District Band/Choir Auditions JHWR Rock Creek	TBD TBD TBD TBD 9:00 a.m.
11/8	JH MEL Band @ Silver Lake Junior Parent Meeting on Exit Projects	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
11/9	JHGB @ Mill Creek JHWR @ Clay Center with Concordia	4:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.
11/10	HS Band St. George Veterans Day JH MEL Choir @ St Marys Board of Education Meeting	TBD 9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
11/11	HS Band Veterans Day Parade JHGB St. Marys	TBD 4:30 p.m.
11/12	HSFB Sectionals HS Play	TBD 7:00 p.m.
11/13	JHWR @ Silver Lake	8:15 a.m.
11/15	HS Winter Sports Practice Junior Parent Meeting on Exit Projects JH Band Concert & SG 6th Grade	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
11/16	JHWR @ Onaga with Jeff West & St. Marys JHGB Riley County	4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.
11/18	JHGB @ Silver Lake JHWR @ Holton with Royal Valley	4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.
11/19	HSFB Sub-State Baker University Jazz Festival	TBD TBD
11/20	Debate JV @ Salina Debate Open/Novice @ Salina South JHWR @ Rossville Battle of the Bands	TBD TBD 8:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
11/22	Jazz Band Concert	7:30 p.m.
11/23	JHGB Rossville	5:30 p.m.
11/24-11/26	No School - Thanksgiving Break	
11/27	HSFB State	TBD
11/30	JHGB Mill Creek	5:30 p.m.

## "Hats" Off From Renaissance



Rock Creek Renaissance recently marked the beginning of a new program. The H-A-T Program rewards students for three things: H (Homework), A (Attendance), and T (Tardies). Random classes will be drawn to be recipients of donuts. If a class has all homework completed for the hour, no one is absent, and no one is tardy, they win donuts delivered by Mr. Post wearing an interesting and entertaining hat. Congratulations to our first winner, Mrs. Rankin's 1S Junior High English class! Thanks to HyVee for donating the donuts for the first week.

## How Will You Celebrate Mole Day?

National Mole Day is celebrated each year on October 23. The "mole" in chemistry is a term used to count atoms and molecules. 6020000000000000000000000000 (usually written  $6.02 \times 10^{23}$ ) of anything, e.g. atoms, is a "mole". October 23 is sometimes written as 10/23. Thus, National Mole Day is celebrated from 6:02 a.m. to 6:02 p.m. on October 23.

The 2010 Mole King and Mole Queen will be announced on October 21. Look for the results in November's newsletter.

## Battle of the Bands

The Rock Creek band will once again host a Battle of the Bands for bands whose members are 25 and under. It will be held Saturday, November 20. If you know of any bands that might be interested, contact Scott Bradley at [bradleys@rockcreekschools.org](mailto:bradleys@rockcreekschools.org) or 785.494.8591.

## In-House Training

The In-House Training Class completes assignments for the school or community groups. Typical jobs from the school include this newsletter, athletic and other activity programs, banners, name badges, forms, and web sites. The class can also create brochures, handbooks, and many other types of documents. If your group or office needs any of the services In-House Training can offer, please e-mail or call the instructor, Pat Booth at [boothp@rockcreekschools.org](mailto:boothp@rockcreekschools.org) or 785.494.8591.

# Counselor's Notes

Deadline:	Description:
	Seniors planning to attend a technical/community college may complete the <b>Kansas Vocational Education Scholarship Exam</b> . Each award is \$500. See Mr. Sullivan or visit <a href="http://www.kansasregents.org">www.kansasregents.org</a> .
	Female students ages 14-18 (as of 2/1/11) are eligible to participate in the <b>2010 Miss Kansas Teen USA Pageant</b> . Cash prizes and scholarships available. See Mr. Sullivan for registration forms or visit <a href="http://www.misskansasusa.com">www.misskansasusa.com</a> .
10/15/10	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> grade students are eligible to compete in the <b>2010 Learning Quest Back to School Essay Contest</b> . Prizes range in value from \$500-\$1,000. Visit <a href="http://learningquest.com/essay">learningquest.com/essay</a> .
10/15/10	Seniors planning to complete the November 6 <b>Kansas Vocational Scholarship Exam</b> at Manhattan Area Technical College are reminded to see Mr. Sullivan for registration forms (the scholarship exam is reserved for those students planning to pursue 1-year certificate or 2-year degree programs).
10/25/10	Grades 9-12 females interested in engineering studies/careers may want to attend the <b>SWE Weekend of Engineering Camp</b> at the University of Kansas on November 6-7, 2010. See Mr. Sullivan for registration information.
10/31/10	<b>2010 Coca-Cola Scholarships</b> , 250 awards totaling \$3 million; apply at <a href="http://www.coca-colascholars.org">www.coca-colascholars.org</a>
11/1/10	Seniors are eligible to participate in the <b>2010 FIRE "Freedom in Academia"</b> essay contest. Awards range in value from \$1,000 - \$4,000. See Mr. Sullivan for more information or visit <a href="http://www.thefire.org/contests">www.thefire.org/contests</a>
11/13/10	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> grade students interested in science, technology, engineering, or math studies may want to attend the <b>Engineering a Dream Day Camp</b> at KSU. Visit <a href="http://www.ksu.edu/mep">www.ksu.edu/mep</a> for more information and registration details.
12/1/10	<b>2010 Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship</b> , awards range in value from \$500-\$60,000. Apply at <a href="http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars">www.elks.org/enf/scholars</a> .
12/1/10	Grades 7-12 students interested in dance studies/careers may want to participate in a <b>Dance Shadow Day</b> at KSU. Visit <a href="http://www.k-state.edu/dance">www.k-state.edu/dance</a> for information and registration details.
12/13/10	Seniors planning to attend KSU may be interested in applying for the <b>2010 KSU Civic Leadership Scholarships</b> . Visit <a href="http://www.k-state.edu/nss/scholarships">www.k-state.edu/nss/scholarships</a> . Award amount is \$2,000-\$4,000.
12/15/10	<b>2010 AXA Achievement Scholarships</b> , \$10,000 and \$25,000 awards available. To learn more and download application, visit <a href="http://www.axa-achievement.com">www.axa-achievement.com</a> .
1/7/11	Seniors planning to attend Washburn University may apply for the <b>2011 Washburn Leadership Scholarship</b> . The minimum qualifications are a 3.0 GPA and 24 ACT score. See Mr. Sullivan for applications.
1/7/11	Seniors with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA are eligible to apply for the <b>2011 Outstanding Senior High Youth Award</b> . One \$250 stipend will be presented to a deserving student. See Mr. Sullivan for applications.
1/8/11	Students in grades 9-12 are eligible to participate in the <b>2011 Profile in Courage Essay Contest</b> . Awards range in value from \$500-\$10,000. Visit <a href="http://www.jfklibrary.org">www.jfklibrary.org</a> for registration information/details.
1/17/11	Students in grades 7-9 students are eligible to apply for the <b>2011 Outstanding Junior High Youth Award</b> . One \$250 scholarship will be presented to a deserving student. See Mr. Sullivan for applications.

# The Rock Spotlight



## U.S. Senate Youth Program

### *Logan Miner*

Logan was nominated to compete for a delegate position in the 49<sup>th</sup> annual U.S. Senate Youth Program. He will be vying for one of 104 representative positions nationwide, a \$5,000 scholarship, and a chance to compete in a week-long government and leadership education program in Washington D.C.

## JH League Honor Band:

Flute: *Kaitlyn Taylor, Ellie Leonard*

Clarinet: *Ariel Petty, Rachel Askew, Kaycee Baker-Gable, Kim Woodworth, Ally Cunningham, Saige Biedenbender*

Bass Clarinet: *Carson Becker*

Alto Saxophone: *Alexis Wilson, Chase Ridder*

Tenor Saxophone: *Lane Forge, Connor Wood-Ross*

Trumpet: *Keldon Fox, Austin Sellers*

French Horn: *Adam Thew*

Trombone: *Jackson Goodmiller*

Percussion: *Bailee Larson, Sebastian Barrett*

## *Kansas Honor Scholars KU Alumni Association*

*Ashley Altenhofen  
Mandi Blenn  
Travis Briggs  
Chase Minihan  
Macy Umscheid*



From left to right: *Morgan Schwinn, Ashley Altenhofen (behind), Caitlyn Larson, Coach Lehning, Shannon Oakley and Chelsea Ebert*

## **BI04 Player of the Game**

*Logan Miner versus Wamego*

*Skyler Beam versus St. Marys*

## **KMAN Student Athlete of the Week**

*Logan Miner versus Wabaunsee*

## **CROSS COUNTRY WABAUNSEE INVITATIONAL**

Rock Creek Girls  
1<sup>st</sup> place

Rock Creek Boys  
3<sup>rd</sup> place