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Buckeye Union High School District

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BUHSD
February 2022



Dr. Steve Bebee

Dear BUHSD Parents, Guardians, and Staff,

On Tuesday, February 1, 2022, City of Buckeye Mayor, Eric Orsborn proclaimed the month of February as CTE month in the City of Buckeye. As a school district we are very blessed to have a very robust Career and Technical Education focus and we offer a variety of different learning opportunities for our students at all three of our comprehensive high school campuses. In our district, our students are motivated to learn through the Career and Technical Education (CTE) instructional delivery system that focuses on relevant classroom and interactive laboratory instruction. Our students also participate in personal and leadership development through Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) for their specific program area. In addition, business and community partners contribute through advisory committees and work-based learning opportunities for CTE students that helps them to shape their own desires for what they see in their future. The benefits of participating in CTE courses are our students and be life changing. Over time we have learned that participation in CTE courses give students the opportunity to build career and technical skills that apply directly to the workforce, strengthen soft skills such as communication and critical thinking, be exposed to different types of careers within the 16 Career Clusters and prepare to take industry-recognized certification exams or dual enrollment courses. As the cities of Buckeye and Goodyear continue to evolve and more and more industry comes to our area, our district is working diligently to form community partnerships with current and new businesses so that we can better understand what skills our students will need to possess to successfully make their transition from high school to the college or career pathway they most desire. It is safe to say that workforce development is alive and well I the Buckeye Union High School District and we encourage all our current and incoming students to explore the opportunities that our Career and Technical Education programs might offer them in their individual career futures.

Sincerely,
Steve Bebee
Superintendent

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Student & Staff News

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- * February 18th-No School-All Day Staff PLC
- * February 21st No School-Presidents Day
- * March 7th-11th Spring Break

STAY CONNECTED WITH BUHSD



District-@BUHSD



Buckeye Union-@buckeyeunionhawks



Estrella Foothills-@EstrellaFoothills



Youngker-@YoungkerHS



Learning Center-@BUHSDLC



Superintendent, Dr. Bebee-@SBebeee_BUHSD



UPCOMING EVENTS

GOLF FUND RAISER SAT 4/2/22



Sundance Golf Club

\$325 per 4some includes:
range, 18 holes, lunch, cart,
"goodie bag", door prize
tickets & some surprises!

EARNHARDT

HYUNDAI • AVONDALE

donated a 2022 ELANTRA for the
winner of a hole-in-one
*restrictions apply

\$\$ cash only for some items \$\$

**marie.buquicchio@buhsd.org or
480-712-9228 (text is best)**



<https://bit.ly/Hands4Paws2022>

**pre-registration requested
Register by contacting Marie at the
info above or online by scanning
QR code**

A major portion of the proceeds from this event will go
towards the sponsorship of a team of veteran/dog through
Soldier's Best Friend. Hands 4 Paws is dedicated to serving
shelter and rescue animals ~ a portion of all of our
proceeds go to them.

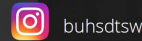


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Helping Hands at BUHS

On February 5th, Buckeye Union students attended the Unit 53 Valentines Event to help bring out food to the guests as well as clean up at the end. They were able to help pack care packages for deployed troops, enjoy Middle Eastern foods and, meet guest speaker, Major General Mick McGuire, USAF Retired, who was an F-16 pilot and served many times in the Middle East. In addition, they also learned about Boys and Girls State, other scholarships, and how to honor the POW/MIA table.

The Buckeye Union TSW Program would like to give a shout out to all the students volunteers from BUHS that have been coming to the Buckeye Community Veterans Service Center to help with cleanups and various events! A special thank you to BUHS Counselor, Sandra Kaluau who regularly makes connections for TSW and sends kids and teams their way for service hours. Many hands make light work with the help of Kevin Battaglia and the BUHS Baseball team, as well as a couple other BUHS girls who helped clean and setup for a Valentines Event to honor those that have served in the desert.



Girl's State Leadership Program

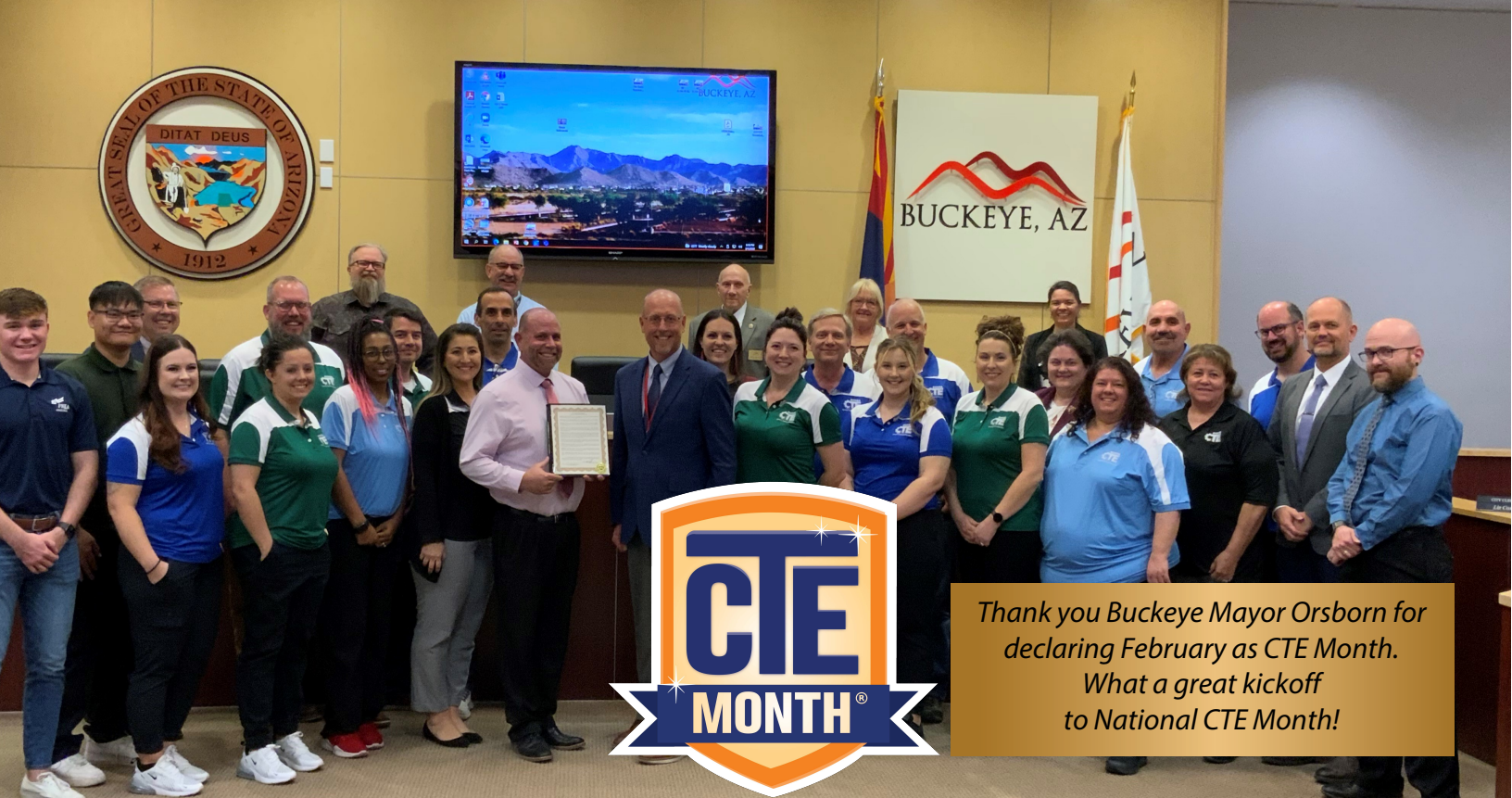
Girls State is a prestigious leadership program where high school juniors can attend a week long summer program at U of A to learn about government and leadership. The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 53 in Buckeye recently conducted interviews at Buckeye Union and Youngker High School for Girls State.

Unit 53 in Buckeye sponsors girls from Buckeye and Youngker each year, and we would like to congratulate Alexia Leyva and Hannah Dean who were interviewed and selected for the two spots Buckeye. Riley Wood was also selected as an alternate for the program. Keely Smith from Youngker was also selected as a candidate to attend the summer program. We look forward to hearing about their experience this summer.

A bit of history, Girls State was started in 1947. BUHSD has been sending students for nearly 70 years. I recently spoke with Annette Napolitano, a Buckeye native who told me she went to Girls State for BUHS in 1954 and her classmate, Raquel Loudermilk, was 1 of the 2 in AZ selected to attend Girls Nation in D.C. that year.

Pictured: Alexia and Hannah at the Unit 53 Valentines Event this past Saturday at the Buckeye Community Veterans Service Center where we honored those that have served in the desert.





Thank you Buckeye Mayor Orsborn for declaring February as CTE Month. What a great kickoff to National CTE Month!

Buckeye Union High School District Celebrates National CTE Month!

WHAT IS CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION?

92% of high school students and 69% of college and adult students are engaged in CTE, learning skills in the classroom and on the job.¹

CTE is delivered at comprehensive and CTE-dedicated high schools, magnet schools, area technical centers, community and technical colleges and some four-year universities.

CTE students earn industry certifications and licenses, postsecondary certificates, associate degrees, bachelor's degrees and higher.

CTE is good for students, good for businesses and good for communities.

CTE high school students are college and career ready – 94% graduate high school and most enroll directly in college.²

CTE associate degrees can pay \$10,000 more per year than associate degrees in other fields – and can even pay more than bachelor's degrees – while limiting student debt.³

CTE is the answer to the nation's projected deficit of 6.5 million skilled workers, including infrastructure, health care and manufacturing workforce shortages.⁴

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CTE PREPARES THE WORKFORCE ACROSS A WIDE RANGE OF INDUSTRIES AND OCCUPATIONS.

- Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources
- Architecture & Construction
- Arts, AV Technology & Communications
- Business Management & Administration
- Education & Training
- Finance
- Government & Public Administration
- Health Science
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Human Services
- Information Technology
- Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security
- Manufacturing
- Marketing
- Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM)
- Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

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CTE Programs include many benefits. They give students the opportunity to:

- Build career and technical skills that apply directly to the workforce
- Strengthen soft skills such as communication and critical thinking
- Be exposed to different types of careers within the 16 Career Clusters
- Prepare to take industry-recognized certification exams or dual enrollment courses

CTE is for all students, regardless of their plans after high school. A variety of CTE programs are offered that will help fit the needs for any Career Pathway a student may be interested in whether they plan to attend a university, community college, or technical school, or work immediately after high school.

All programs are career-focused where students are preparing for immediate employment and further education in the career field.

For more information about Career and Technical Education at BUHSD, visit our website at www.buhsd.org.

FEBRUARY 2022

Student & Staff News

EFHS Robotics Club is headed to Flagstaff...

This weekend the Estrella Foothills JV Robotics team competed in the last qualifying tournament of the season in the Desert Vista Qualifier at Canyon View High School in Waddell. The JV team (#7156) had a great day going undefeated over the entire competition and finishing second overall after qualifying rounds, and then winning the tournament in bracket play, finishing 1st in the tournament!

Match one 33-0-win

Match two 188-28-win

Match three 95-13-win

Match four 134-112-win

Match five 123-105-win

Semifinal one 100-81-win

Semifinal two 172-116-win

Final one 183-139-win

Final two 172-128-win

Team #7156 won first in the tournament, and was also recognized in judging winning 1st in the "Innovate Award," being recognized for their innovative robotic design, and being able to "shake ducks off its back" by doing wheelies with the robot! These results mean that #7156 will be joining our varsity squad (#5661) as state qualifiers, and competing at the state level on February 18th in Flagstaff, Arizona!



Congratulations to our BUHSD Winter Athletic Programs that made it to the AIA State Tournaments!



Boys Wrestling

Girls Wrestling

Boys Soccer



Boys Wrestling

Girls Basketball



Boys Wrestling

Girls Wrestling

Girls Soccer



Staff Recognition

February Employee of the Month

Award Recipient	School	Job Title
Kelly Epley	Youngker	Assistant Principal
Brittany Meola	Buckeye Union	Teacher-ESS
Charles Beard III	Youngker	School Counselor
LaTisha Woodruff	Buckeye Union	Teacher-ESS
Samantha Hoard	Buckeye Union	Teacher-Math
Susan Schmelzer	Estrella Foothills	Teacher-Math
Calvin Thomas	Buckeye Union	ESS Paraprofessional
Danielle Foley	Youngker	Admin Asst-Attendance
Ellen Aquino	Youngker	Admin Asst- Attendance
Justin Wicker	District Office	Network Tech. II
Melidia Hernandez	Maintenance and Transportation	Custodian
Rikki Garcia	Youngker	Security Guard

Student Recognition

February Future Ready Students of the Month



Emma Speight is currently a senior BUHS and is in the West- MEC Dental Assisting Program. After Emma graduates she wants to be an EMT Firefighter and possibly pursue Dental Assisting.

Claire Knappenberger loved the Future Ready class and feels that taking that class gave her essential skills and insight on how to be successful for the outside world.



Daniel Lopez is currently in AP Computer Science and Calculus classes and is on track to be the Valedictorian for his class. Once Daniel graduates he plans to attend ASU and get his Bachelors in Computer Science.

February CTE Students of the Month



Gabriella Sears
Buckeye Union



Devin Trough
Estrella Foothills



Jason Perez
Youngker