

Matters of Pride

As the 2009-2010 school year comes to a close, we need to take a few moments to reflect on our accomplishments, as well as those of our students. All of us contribute to the success of LT students and our colleagues. Each of us performs an important function, critical to the education of our students. Whether your job is to mop the floors, maintain computer hardware, create databases, enforce discipline policies, or engage students in a subject matter, you help create an environment where our students thrive. Students leave the halls of LT with an excellent education, one that will serve them not only at a college or university, but in their everyday lives as well. We can be proud of our endeavors. This publication was inspired to remind you of our combined achievements.

Matters of Pride was designed to highlight our achievements as a District. Team and club accomplishments and several state and national honors are also underscored. Please take a few moments to review our accolades and be sure to pat a student or a colleague on the back for a job well done.

The following quotes were pulled from essays written by 2010 Alumni Association Scholarship recipients. They illustrate many of the reasons why LTHS students are successful in and out of the classroom. We Are LT!

“I’m confident that I’m as well equipped as any student in the country for the rigors of collegiate academics- thanks to the education I received during high school.”

Michael Nauheimer 2010

“When I transferred to LT after my freshman year, I knew immediately that LT was the fit for me. The sense of community that LT offers is what I am most proud of.”

Julia Karas 2010

“I am happy to say that each and every teacher and faculty member that I got to know inspired me to become a better person.”

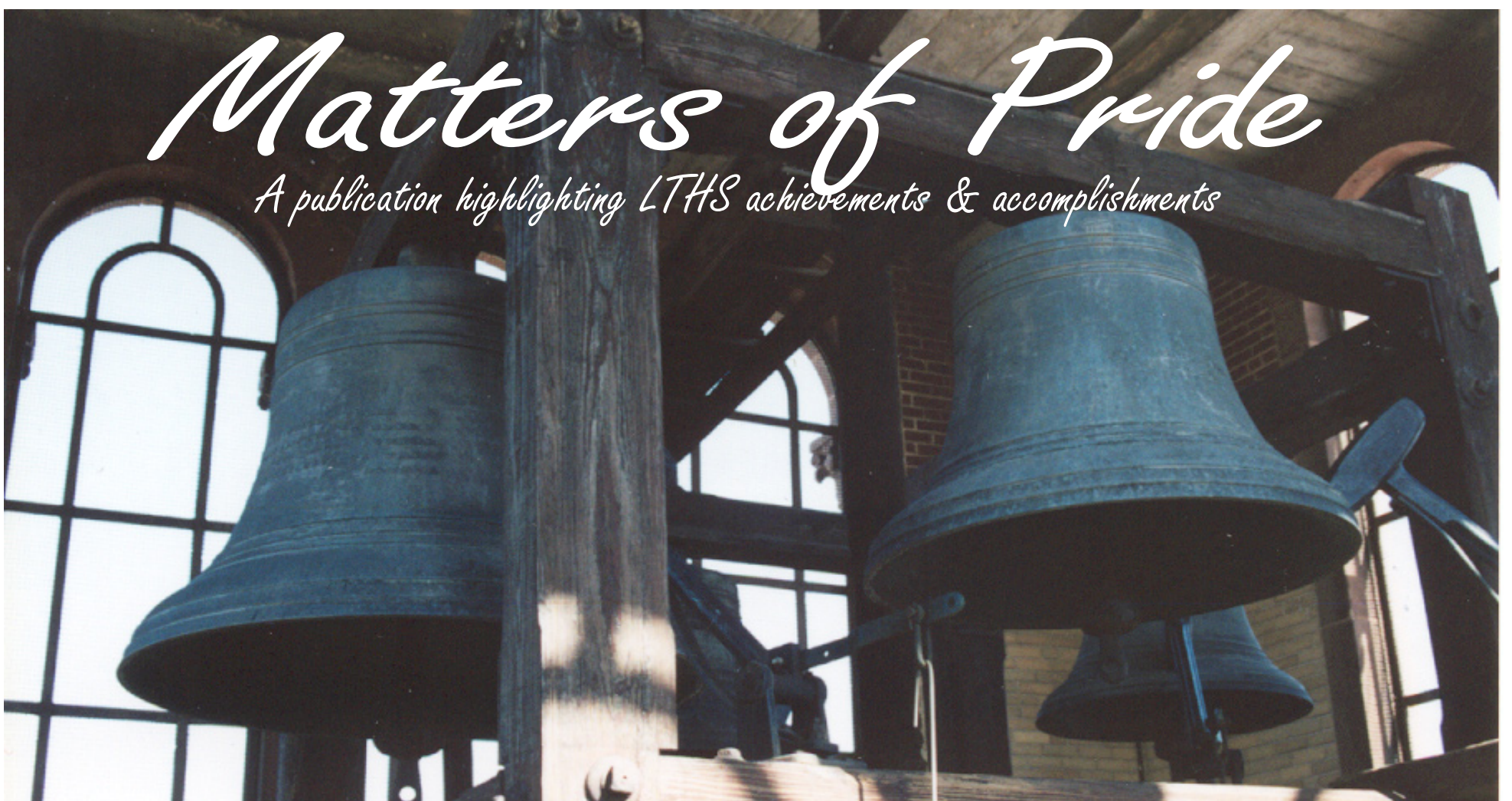
Erika Wallace 2010

“I have spent four amazing years learning from incredible teachers, making the greatest friends imaginable, and becoming involved in ways I never dreamed possible.”

Daniel Bodell 2010

“The leadership skills I garnered in high school prove to be a great asset that I will share with the next generation.”

Grace McGill 2010



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Fantastic Finances

LT received "Financial Recognition," the best of four financial profile categories as determined by the Illinois State Board of Education. LT has been named to this category since the inception of the reporting system.

Best and Brightest

U.S. News & World Report ranked LT among the top public high schools in the nation. LT earned a Silver medal in the America's Best High Schools category.

Bright Red Apple

LT was awarded a 2010 Bright Red Apple Award for educational excellence by SchoolSearch, an educational research and consulting firm. LT is one of 83 out of 868 districts to receive the award.

Academia - National Level

- Twenty-five Commended Students in the National Merit Program
- Nine National Merit Semifinalists
- Eight National Merit Finalists
- One U.S. Presidential Scholar Candidate

Scholarships

As of mid-May, counting duplicate scholarships projected over four years and adding need-based grants, more than \$20 million has been offered to seniors to date.

Advanced Placement Tests

Students scored three or higher on 91% of the Advanced Placement exams taken and were eligible for college-level credit. A record-setting 43% of the tests were scored at a 5, the highest possible score. A total of 579 students took 1,113 exams.

Standardized Tests

LT's composite ACT score of 24.1 for the graduating class of 2009 was the highest in the school's history. The district's composite score rose for the sixth consecutive year, topping the state score by 3.3 points.

Worthy Causes

Student Council had a banner year, beginning with their annual "Welcome Back" barbecue for staff. The highlight of first semester was Homecoming, with a record 3,155 students and guests attending the dance. Attendance at King of Hearts also set a record, with 2,620 attendees. One dollar from each dance ticket was donated to two charities: Cause & Affect (Homecoming) and Students Hearts for Haiti (King of Hearts). The Secret Santa gift drive was hugely popular with LT sponsoring 135 students. Student Council also sponsored two blood drives, helping to collect more than 200 units of blood. The All-School Assembly ended with a 200-member "Flash Mob." Finally, Student Council wrapped up with a Senior Citizen's Prom attended by 100 seniors and an afternoon of food and dancing.

Service to Others

- **Italian Club** raised \$400 for Haiti relief efforts and funds for an African mission.
- **Interact** members participated in their first Green Day, turned out in record numbers to direct traffic and ensure the safety of runners in the Pilgrim Pacer, and made 50 fleece blankets for sick children and battered women. The Club also sorted food donations, worked to beautify playgrounds, and volunteered at the Computer Drive and Habitat for Humanity.
- **French Club** raised \$1000 to re-sponsor a Haitian child and raised \$1200 for Hurricane relief.
- **Greek Club** helped collect more than 600 pairs of shoes for the Share Your Soles program.

Pilots

Two students received their private pilot licenses and are working toward commercial pilots licenses.

Television

LTTV produced more than 200 programs, including eight live boys' basketball games and is streaming live on the website. TV Club helped produce a documentary with Black Culture Club called "Black at LT," which was featured at the Black History assembly and aired on LTTV. At the annual Chicagoland High School Video Festival, LT took 1st place in Sports and Movie Trailer categories. Students also earned 2nd in How-To and 3rd in Documentary. They also brought home nine Gold, five Silver, six Bronze and two Merit awards.

Lion Newspaper

• Northern Illinois School Press

Association awarded *Lion* a Golden Eagle: Best in Class 2010. Student earned several individual awards: four Blue Ribbons and five Honorable Mentions

• National Scholastic Press Association and

Journalism Education Association: *Lion* received 4th place in the nation in "Best in Show" for high school newspapers of 17 pages or more. Five of eight students placed highly in national writing contests, with two earning the highest rating possible.

- **Illinois Women's Press Association** awarded *Lion* 2nd place in the Silver Pen Award. Students earned five 1st place awards, one 2nd place, two 3rd place and two Honorable Mentions in categories ranging from layout to editorial.

Business Professionals of America

LT's 4-person Small Business Management Team competed against 46 teams representing 23 states and finished in the top 12 at the BPA National Competition in Anaheim, CA.

Art

- LT students participated in 10 exhibitions this year.
- 16 students received recognition at the annual Elmhurst College High School Art Show.
- Two students won Awards of Excellence at the Hinsdale Center for the Arts annual art exhibition.
- Nine students won awards at the Chicago Area 4x5 exhibit.
- Regional Scholastic Art Competition - LT artists won 43 major awards, including three Gold Key Portfolio awards and three of five best of show American Vision Awards, and 24 Honorable Mentions.
- National Scholastic Art Competition- One LT student earned a National Gold Medal and a National American Vision Award for printmaking. A second student won a National Silver Medal for a portfolio and two National Silver Medals, one in printmaking and another in 3D.

Menagerie

Menagerie was awarded a Gold medal from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association for the 2009 edition. The magazine was also named Most Outstanding High School Literary-Art Magazine and earned 1st place with Special Merit among high school magazines from the American Scholastic Press Association.

TABULAE

Tabulae's 102nd edition, "Intertwined," is, at 392 pages and 3500 copies, the longest yearbook and largest print run in the yearbook's 100+ history. It also has the distinction of being the first LT yearbook printed entirely in color. Last year's book, "No Limits," received a National Scholastic Press Association rating of First Class – the second year in a row for *Tabulae*. Finally, nine seniors brought home a large tally of honors at the National Scholastic Press Association/Journalism Education Association spring convention, including three Honorable Mentions and one Excellent rating.

Radio

WLTL was named the "Best Radio Station in the Nation," at the 2009 John Drury High School Radio Awards. This is the fourth time WLTL has taken home the top honor. The annual Rock-A-Thon fundraiser raised more than \$21,000 to support student programming - the largest amount in 28 years.

Foreign Language

Italian: Two students scored in the top 10 nationally, and 15 students placed in the top 10 in Illinois on levels I-IV.

Latin: 19 students received high honors (cum laude or above) on the National Latin Exam.

German: five students scored in the 89th percentile or above in the National German Exam.

French: One student placed 9th nationally, seven were in the 13th percentile or above in the local chapter and 12 received national certificates for participation in the National French Exam.

Chinese: One student won a Gold Medal at the Midwest Chinese Speech Contest.

Spanish: Two students received Gold awards, 10 won Silver, 16 won Bronze and 21 won Awards of Excellence on the National Spanish Exam.

Music

- 20 LT students were named All-State musicians.
- The North Campus choirs toured Quebec and Montreal, Canada and performed four concerts, including a concert with a talented Quebecois choir.
- Orchestra participated in a clinic at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, then continued on to Atlanta, GA to compete in the Heritage Festival, a 2-day competition of orchestras, bands, and choirs from across the country. LT received a Superior Rating, an award for Best in Class, and a Silver trophy, signifying the second highest scoring orchestra. A sophomore received the Outstanding Soloist Award.
- The marching band traveled to Walt Disney World, where they were selected for a premier parade performance down Main Street USA in the Magic Kingdom. The band also attended a 4-hour workshop on advanced rehearsal techniques and recorded the soundtrack as it was synced live to a Disney film.
- Jazz Ensemble performed a concert with nationally renowned guest artist, Neal Alger.
- Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Lab Band, Jazz Band and all three of LT Jazz Combos received Superior Ratings at the Evanston Jazz Festival.

Eurythmic Dance Company

Oh Mary Don't You Weep was chosen for a National Dance Festival showcase in Miami, FL. *Good Intentions*, choreographed by a senior, was featured at the National Dance Festival and at the State Dance Festival.

Math Team

The Mathlete season was highlighted by a 2nd place finish at conference and a 1st place finish at regionals. At state, the sophomore team finished 6th, the freshman-sophomore relay team placed 9th, the senior team placed 7th, the junior-senior 8-person team earned 5th, the junior-senior relay team was 4th, the calculator team was 5th, and the oralist placed 7th. Overall, the team returned victorious with a 10th place trophy.

Colorguard

Colorguard performed at Brookfield Zoo's Holiday Magic and Boo at the Zoo, Chicago's Columbus Day Parade, Great America, and at a Walt Disney's Magic Kingdom parade.

Winterguard

Winterguard marched in the Forest Park St. Patrick's Day parade. They also performed four routines at the USTA State & Open Championships, bringing home four team trophies. One member brought home a State Championship Title, while others brought home individual awards.

Family, Career, Community Leaders of America

One student is advancing to compete in the National FCCLA Culinary Competition and two others will compete as a team in the Life Planning event. At the state level, LT was awarded eight silver awards and one gold award.

Poms

At the Universal Dance Association Milwaukee Championships, varsity took 3rd in Large Varsity Pom and 4th in Large Varsity Jazz, and sophomores took 1st place in Junior Varsity Pom. At the UDA Chicagoland Competition, varsity took 3rd place in Large Varsity Pom and 6th place in Large Varsity Jazz and sophomores took 2nd place in Junior Varsity Pom. The freshman poms performed at a UIC Flames basketball game.

Special Olympics

Basketball: White and Gold teams took 2nd place and the Blue team took 3rd place at the District tournament. LT's head coach was chosen to coach Team Illinois at the National games in Lincoln, Nebraska this summer.

Track: 56 Special Ed student athletes represented LT at the West Suburban Conference track meet.

Model United Nations (MUN)

Students attended four competitions and amassed a total of 39 awards, while earning Best Overall Large Delegation in one contest. In just three short years, LT has made a name for themselves in Illinois.