

# Matters of Pride

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As the 2010-2011 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.

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“What I achieved will always influence my decisions, and anywhere I travel the values of LT will be brought with me.”  
*Connor McCormack 2011*

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“Whatever the future holds, LT has prepared me to embrace new challenges. Even more important than the knowledge I have acquired, I have realized that dedication to and pride in LT has made me a better person.”  
*Kristi Tausk 2011*

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“By the time I graduate, I will have gained so much more than a diploma: moral values, respect for myself and others, fun memories, lasting friends, and a love for LT that will be with me through college and beyond.”  
*Katie Sauer 2011*

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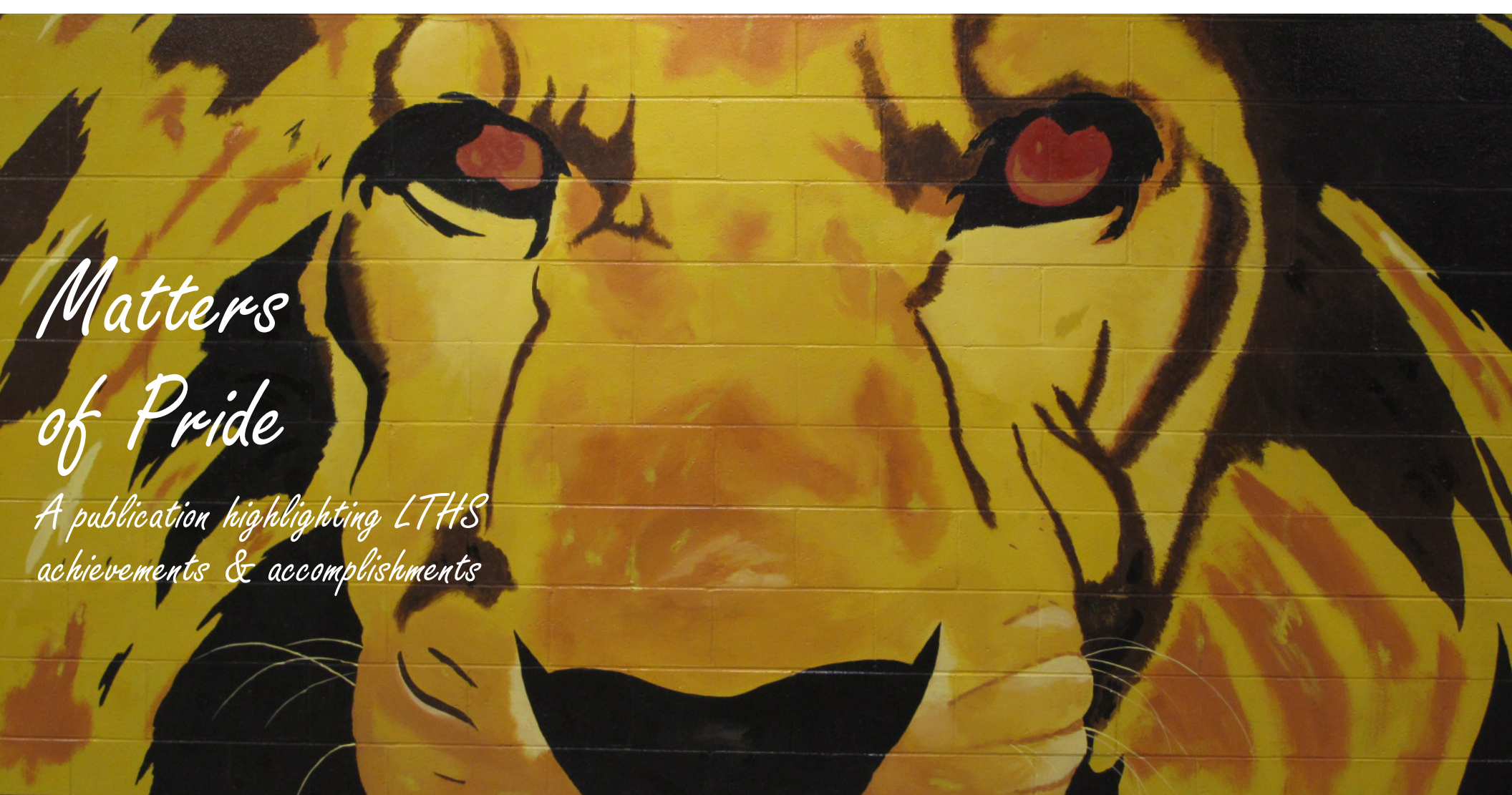
“My experiences at LT have taught me what it means to have a role model and to be a role model and those lessons will continue to guide my goals and the choices I make to reach them.”  
*Kyle Kurfirst 2011*

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“Being an LT student for the last four years has inspired me to take what I have learned and go out into the world to achieve my life’s purpose.”  
*Alyssa Condoiti 2011*

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The following quotes were pulled from essays written by 2011 Alumni Association Scholarship recipients. They illustrate many of the reasons why LTHS students are successful in and out of the classroom. We Are LTI!



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*A publication highlighting LTHS achievements & accomplishments*

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## 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 73 out of 868 districts to receive the award.

## Academia - National Level

- Twenty-nine Commended Students in the National Merit Program
- Seventeen National Merit Semifinalists
- Fifteen 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

2010 AP results were reported with students scoring three or higher on 92% of the Advanced Placement exams taken. More than one-third of the tests were scored at a 5, the highest possible score. A total of 598 students took 1,174 exams.

## Standardized Tests

LT's composite ACT score of 23.8 for the class of 2010 is 3.1 points above the state average and 2.8 points above the national average. The 2010 score is the third highest ACT composite on record.

## Worthy Causes

Student Council had another great year, beginning with their annual "Welcome Back" barbecue for staff. This year's Homecoming dance entertained 3,101 students and guests, and the King of Hearts also attracted a huge number, with 2,399 attendees. Despite a tough economy, LT's Secret Santa gift drive sponsored 120 students. Student Council also sponsored two blood drives and collected more than 250 units of blood. The Senior Citizen's Prom was as popular as ever, with more than 100 seniors enjoying an afternoon of food and dancing. Most significantly, Student Council spearheaded a community-wide fundraising effort to sponsor a May 11 Honor Flight of World War II veterans to Washington, D.C.

## Scholastic Bowl

The Scholastic Bowl Team won the regional and sectional tournaments and finished 8th in state.

## Service to Others

- **Peaceable Schools Initiative** gathered donations from students and staff and made nearly 100 Easter baskets for the children of Chicago's Off the Streets Club.
- **French Club** re-sponsored a Haitian child, 6-year-old Fara Placide, for the third year in a row and gifted \$200 to her family and community.

## Television

At the annual Chicagoland High School Video Festival, LT took 1st place in the Movie Trailer, Music Video and Talk Show categories. Students also earned two 2nd place awards, three 3rd place awards and one 5th place award. They also brought home two Platinum, nine Gold, eight Silver, 10 Bronze and six Merit awards.

## Lion Newspaper

- **Northern Illinois School Press Association** awarded *Lion* a Golden Eagle: Best In Class 2011. Students earned several individual awards: nine Blue Ribbons and one Honorable Mention.
- **National Scholastic Press Association and Journalism Education Association:** *Lion* received the Pacemaker award for its 2009-2010 work, making it one of the best high school newspapers (of 17 pages or more) in the nation. Four students placed highly in national writing contests in November 2010, with one earning the highest rating possible.
- **Illinois Women's Press Association** awarded *Lion* one 1st place award in News and an honorable mention in Editorial, plus a first-ever video 1st place in the Video Multimedia Sports category.

## Business Professionals of America

Nine students qualified to compete at the BPA National Conference. Approximately 5,500 students and advisors participated in the national conference.

## Art

- One national award winning artwork in last year's Scholastics Art Competition was included in the first national traveling show of winners.
- LT students were exhibited throughout the year at the LaGrange Theater Foyer Gallery.
- LT participated in 10 exhibitions this year.
- 15 students received recognition at the 12th Annual Elmhurst College High School Art Exhibit.
- Three students won Awards of Excellence at the Hinsdale Center for the Arts annual exhibition.
- 10 students received recognition at the 12th Annual Chicago Area 4x5 Exhibition.
- LT students won two Art Portfolio awards and one Photo Portfolio award, 13 Gold Keys, 28 Silver Keys, and 32 Honorable Mentions at the Regional level in the Scholastic Art Competition.
- Three LT students earned distinction at the National Scholastic Art Competition national level, with one Silver Medal with Distinction in Art Portfolio and two Silver Medals - one for a Photo Portfolio and another for a photograph.

## Menagerie

The 2010 edition of *Menagerie* earned several distinctions, including 1st place in the American Scholastic Press Association's annual magazine competition, a rank of Excellent in the National Council of Teachers of English Program to Recognize Excellence in Student Literary Magazines and was named a Silver Medalist from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, as well as its Silver Crown Award.

## TABULAE

Tabulae's 103rd edition, "simply," is, at 408 pages and over 3500 copies, the longest and largest print run in the yearbook's 100+ year history. Due to a new publication schedule, Tab staffers were unable to compete nationally this year, however the staff are convinced that this year's yearbook will be a strong competitor for All-American status and Pacemaker honors when submitted for adjudication this summer.

## Radio

WLTL won more than 10 national awards this year, including 3rd place overall in the nation at the 2010 John Drury High School Radio Awards. Since the Drury Awards inception in 2002, WLTL has never finished lower than 3rd place. The annual Rock-A-Thon fundraiser broke last year's record and raised more than \$22,000 to support student programming.

## Foreign Language

**Italian:** One student earned 2nd place in the National Contest, and a total of 25 students placed in the top 10 in the state in levels I-IV.

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

**French:** Six students scored in the top 10%, 12 in the top 20% and 15 in the top 50% on the National French Exam.

## Leadership

Four sophomores were awarded scholarships to attend the 2011 J. Kyle Braid Leadership Ranch in Colorado this July. They will return to LT and share what they learned with their school and community.

## Music

- 13 LT students were named All-State musicians.
- The Orchestra shared a concert with the Japanese American Society of Chicago's Taiko Drum Ensemble, saw a Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra performance and attended workshops at the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music.
- 200 students from six LT choirs toured Millikin University, the Capitol Rotunda in Springfield, and the University of Chicago's Rockefeller Chapel, participating in two days of music experiences, clinics and classes.
- LT Wind Ensemble performed in Pick-Stager Concert Hall at Northwestern University and received a clinic.
- A combo from the Jazz Ensemble was selected to perform at the College of Dupage Winter Jazz Festival and received workshops with Chicago jazz greats.

- Jazz Ensemble performed a concert with Tito Carrillo, jazz trumpet teacher from University of Illinois, opened a concert for jazz quartet New Tricks and performed an opening set for the Brass Tracks Big Band.
- The Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Lab Band, Jazz Band and all three LT Jazz Combos received Superior Ratings at the Evanston Jazz Festival. Ten LT students were given Outstanding Soloist Awards.

## Eurythmic Dance Company

The Eurythmics earned the honor of performing at the 33rd annual Illinois High School State Dance Festival. The LT dance, *Contained*, was selected as one of the top 10 dances from the 52 that auditioned.

## Math Team

Math Team won 1st place at the West Suburban Math Contest, taking 1st place in all but one contest, where they took 2nd place. At the Regional Math Contest, LT took 1st place, and had a record number of five students participate in the American Invitational Mathematics Exam, the preliminary test for the U.S. Mathematics Olympiad. At the State Math Tournament, LT came in 12th out of 61 teams. The precalculus team earned 4th place, the junior-senior eight-person team took 5th place, calculator team received 7th place, and one senior Mathlete received an individual 6th place.

## 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 Illustrated Talk event. At the state level, LT was awarded 11 2nd place awards and two 3rd place awards.

## Poms

Varsity Poms attended a 2-day National Dance Competition, where they placed 5th in Poms and 2nd in Jazz. At the Universal Dance Association competition, both Varsity and JV placed 6th in Poms and Varsity placed 6th in Jazz.

## Model United Nations (MUN)

More than 70 students participated in one or more competitions this year. LT co-founded its first conference, SILTMUN I, with Saint Ignatius High School and invited five schools with 150 students participating.

## Science Olympiad

Science Olympiad Team had an impressive comeback season placing 3rd in regionals and 8th in state. More than 25 participants earned medals in events throughout the year and LT had three top five finishes in state, including a state championship in Experimental Design.

## Athletics

**Girls Tennis:** 2nd conference, 2nd Sectionals

**Boys' Golf:** 4th Regionals

**Girls' Golf:** Regional Champs, 2nd Sectionals, 10th in State

**Boys Cross Country:** Regional Champs, 2nd Sectional, 9th in State

**Football:** Conference Champs, Tied most wins in school history, Elite Eight Finish

**Girls Swimming and Diving:** Conference Champs

**Boys Swimming and Diving:** Conference Champs Sectional Coach of the Year

**Boys Soccer:** Conference, Regional & Sectional Champs, Elite Eight Finish

**Girls Volleyball:** Conference, Regional, Sectional, Super-Sectional & State Champs

**Girls Gymnastics:** Regional Champs, 9th in State

**Boys Swimming:** Sectional Champs

**Wrestling:** Conference, Regional & Sectional Champs, Elite Eight in State

**Boys Basketball:** Conference & Regional Champs

**Girls' Water Polo:** Conference Champs, Elite Eight

**Boys' Water Polo:** Conference Champs

**Baseball:** Conference Champs

**Special Olympics Basketball:** White Team - 2nd place in State