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**Buckeye Union High School District**

Serving the Southwest Valley Since 1921

**BUHSD**  
**2021**

December 2021



**Dr. Steve Bebee**

Dear BUHSD Parents, Community and Staff,

As we look to wrap up the first semester of the 2021-22 school year and continue to deal with the challenges throughout this pandemic and the ongoing challenges of dealing with COVID 19, I want to take a minute and reflect on the positive things that have taken place this year. When we opened our doors in August of 2021 to receive our students back into our schools every day in person, 96% of our students chose to come back to school in person. As a district we have managed and mitigated COVID 19 protocols well and we have been able to keep our students in school while making the wearing of masks optional, giving students, parents, faculty, and staff a choice. Our fall sports athletes were able to compete in their perspective athletic seasons and our students, staff and communities once again experienced the cross-town rivalry games amongst our district schools. Several of our athletic teams qualified for the state playoffs and felt the support of fans in the stands as they competed. Our winter sports programs are now well underway, and our athletes again can be supported by all who are willing to come and support them. Besides our athletic programs getting back to some normalcy, we have also enjoyed all our Fine Arts programs getting back into the groove this year. School plays, concerts, marching band competitions, and dance recitals have all taken place this fall, and we look forward to their continuation this spring. These are just some of the highlights that have taken place in the Buckeye Union High School District already this year.

In light of this pandemic, it has been so nice to see our students back on their perspective campuses as we once knew them. We know things have continued to be challenging this fall, but we are very proud of the efforts that have been made by everyone collaboratively together to get our students back to a more normal school experience this year.

On behalf of the entire BUHSD Administrative team I would like to take the opportunity to wish all our students, parents, faculty, staff, and the Buckeye Union High School District Communities a wonderful holiday season. I hope that you get to have some time to be with family and that you can once again enjoy some of your family holiday traditions. Please be safe and stay healthy. I look forward to seeing what 2022 might bring us all.

Sincerely,

Steve Bebee

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## CTE National Board Certification

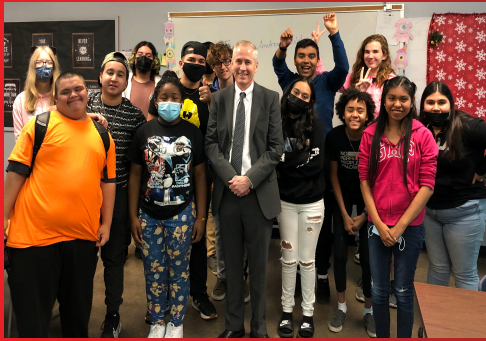


Congratulations to Mr. Eric Chapman, the current film and TV teacher at Youngker High school. He has just achieved his National Board Certification in the area of Career and Technical Education. This achievement is one of the highest honors you can receive as an educator due to the rigorous process each candidate goes through to showcase their exemplary teaching skills.



**Congratulations to EFHS Wolves who donated a ton of blankets, jackets, and socks to the Phoenix Homeless Youth Connection.**

## TSW December Highlights



On Dec. 14th, TSW Tier 1 welcomed Andrew Gould, retired AZ Supreme Court Justice, to speak with students about their rights and responsibilities when they turn 18. TSW appreciates the visits he has made each semester over the past few years to help students be more prepared for life as an adult!

**TIER 1- Tour of Buckeye City Hall with Mayor Orsborn. Learned about local government and what city services are available.**



**TIER 1- Transportation Training at Valley Metro in Phoenix.**



**TIER 2- Campus Communication Crew met with the Marketing Department for the City of Buckeye. Spoke with career professionals about their career pathways in graphic design, TV, radio, and the communication fields.**



# Staff Recognition

December Employee of the Month

Award Recipient	School	Job Title
Becky Bafia	Buckeye Union	Guidance Counselor
Nicolle Craycraft	Youngker	Teacher - Math
KenJuan Lockhart	Buckeye Union	Teacher- Gear Up
M. Nicholas Haring- Herman	Buckeye Union	Teacher- Dance
Melanie Lintz	District Office	CTE Career Pathways Coordinator
Elijah Wickander	Buckeye Union	Teacher - ESS
Mary Soto	Estrella Foothills	Admin Asst to Principal
Trina Stark	Buckeye Union	ESS Transition Spec
Laura Becker	M&T	Admin Asst. to Transportation
Sarah Hester	Buckeye Union	ESS Transition Spec
Will Seward	Buckeye Union	Asst Principal
Jason Stuewe	District Office	Asst Superintendent of Student Achievement

# Student Recognition

## December Future Ready Students of the Month



Mariah Moore is an exceptional student, athlete, and marching band member and leader. She is hard-working, honest, responsible, trustworthy, kind, and helpful. Mr. Rodriguez stated that the BUHS faculty are very happy to have her in the school.

Maya Robbins is involved in track and field, and cross country. She represents as President for the Medical Assisting for Mrs. Burtons HOSA, Pythagorean Society, and National Honor Society. Outside of school she represents the Ambassador of the National Society of High School Scholars, and C Cadets. She loves learning about medicine and is hoping to get into the Naval Academy. Maya stated that she has a dream of becoming a Naval Surgeon.

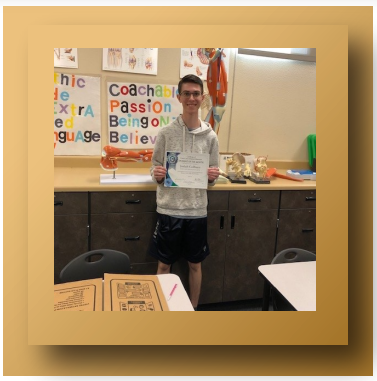


Ever since Isabella Cicci was little academics have always been huge for her and that day after day she has put in the work and as a senior, at YHS she is proud of where her efforts have brought her. She has participated in extracurricular FCCLA, in both indoor and beach volleyball. Isabella plans to attend a 4-year university to study Bio-Medical Engineering.

## December CTE Students of the Month



Timmy Paterakis  
Buckeye Union  
JROTC



Josiah Colburn  
Estrella Foothills  
Sports Medicine



Isabella Saenz  
Youngker  
Business