

# CCBDD News



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## Developmental Disabilities Month



## Carroll County Board of DD Annual Banquet

The 2023 Developmental Disabilities Month theme is Life Without Limits, Building Our Future Together. The banquet was held at the FFA Camp Muskingum, which is such a lovely place. We want to thank Todd Davis and his staff for making our evening so pleasant, the Carroll County Board Members for their thorough job in choosing the award winners, and Carroll Hills Council for sponsoring the banquet. Winners of the eight categories are: Service Award - Burgett Angus Farm, Partnership Award – Chris Boone, Business and Industry Award – Minerva Bowl, Personal Achievement Student Award – Brock Walton, Personal Achievement Adult Award – Logan Smith, The Helen Eick Outstanding Volunteer – Shelly Haught, The Helen Eick Outstanding Provider Employee Award – Katelynn Hilderbrand, and The Helen Eick Outstanding CCBDD Employee Award – Amy Swaim. The Superintendent Award went to Seth Yacklin. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported this event.



## March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness

**Matt Campbell, Superintendent**

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, and the theme is ***“Life Without Limits, Building our Future Together”***. The Carroll County Board of Developmental Disabilities vision is “Live, Work, Play Together” which was recently updated from the previous vision of Integration in the Community. Terminology and intent mean everything. Integration sounds good but in reality, it was still separating people with disabilities from those

without. An example is taking a group of people with developmental disabilities to the art center for an art class that is only for people with disabilities.

The Board is all about community inclusion. This means we want people with disabilities to have the same options as all of us. An example of inclusion is people with developmental disabilities attending church with everyone else in the community. There they can make connections with people without disabilities that miss them when they are not there, that may provide rides to and from church, and develop relationships that are meaningful to both parties. Again, this is our vision to “Live, Work, Play Together”.

I want to highlight some services of the Board. A big “great job!” goes out to our preschool staff. The Ohio Department of Education did an unannounced visit at our preschool on 3-6-2023. The Board received zero citations from the licensing inspection report. When we talk about inclusion our preschool is a great example. The preschool serves both typical and atypical students.

The Family Support Department is another service I want to highlight. The Board continues to find gaps in services and meet those service needs. We are always looking for providers to job coach, the Board has two staff who provide job coaching services when providers are unable. County Board staff continue to reach out to local school districts to help students on Individual Education Plans age 14 and older for work transition services. We are increasing referrals to Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities for job support. Staff in the Family Support Department are also in the schools promoting self-advocacy through the Academy for Leadership Abilities.



I cannot express enough how much we appreciate this community. The Board receives a great deal of support not only from your tax dollars making programs possible but also through volunteers and partnerships for services. We had a great turnout of 170 people at our DD Banquet. The event was held at the FFA camp on March 21, 2023. It was a great way to cap off DD month and celebrate Board staff, provider direct support professional staff, volunteers, businesses, and individuals with developmental disabilities personal accomplishments.

Thank you for your support!



# March is one of my favorite months of the year

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Ryan Buck, Director of Educational Services

March is one of my favorite months of the year. In Ohio, you can sometimes experience all four seasons in March. Winter is ending and Spring is beginning. I also love March because of all the wonderful things that occur at Carroll Hills School during March for Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. The students and staff at Carroll Hills enjoy a month full of fun spirit days such as dressing up, wearing wacky clothes, and hair. We enjoyed having fun sweet treats for Pi Day on March 14<sup>th</sup> and decorating cupcakes for Cupcake Wars. I also love the Annual Awards Banquet. Congrats to Brock Walton in the Intermediate Class for winning the Student Personal Achievement Award! Congrats to all of Carroll Hills School staff for their awards and nominations as well. March also means that the end of the school year is in sight. Preschool Graduation and Awards day will be Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. High School Graduation will be on Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. The end of the year will be here before we know it! Take time to breath and enjoy this time of year.



## Enjoying Spring in High School



We have been really enjoying the spring season and the DD month activities in the High School classroom. The students really enjoyed participating in the different dress up days this year. Miss Ryann Young and Mr. Dustin Shafer attended the March Commissioners Meeting, and was a part of declaring March as Developmental

Disabilities Month. We also had two students, Miss Naomi Kelly and Miss Ryann Young, nominated for the Personal Achievement Award. We are very proud of their hard work!

In addition, the students have been working extremely hard in our community locations. They have been learning new skills, perfecting older skills, and earning money. The students enjoy the experience, and are using this time to help them decide what they would like to do once they finish school.

Finally, we are continuing to participate in integration at Carrollton High School, going to gym class with Mr. Schweikert's students and Self-Advocacy with the students in Mrs. Sargeant's class. The students really seem to enjoy this time. They also enjoyed hearing from the guest speaker that came to the advocacy class on March 7<sup>th</sup>. We are so grateful that the Carrollton staff and students have been so welcoming during these fun classes.

We have been very busy in the High School classroom, and the year is flying by!

Nancy Boley





# Learning about Spring in Preschool

My class has been working hard. They've been learning about spring, the beach, our body, healthy food, and more. They have been learning how to write their first name and starting to write last names, counting, sight words, 3D shapes, and adding details to our artwork. My students have even written stories and illustrated with pictures. It's amazing to see how much our little scholars have grown.

Mrs. Schockling



## Spring in PreK

This month in pre-k we had a very egg-citing arrival! During the first 22 days of March, we learned about the life cycle of a chicken egg and learned about the development of a chick. Every day we looked at pictures of what the chick looked like inside the egg and even checked the eggs in our incubator to see if we could see an embryo at the beginning stage of incubating. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> day we watched seven eggs hatch and seen them become more active and vocal! The students had an absolute blast learning this unit and can't wait to see what the rest of the school year will bring.

Mrs Malone and the Pre-K Class





# Intermediate Class

We have been having so much fun in the intermediate classroom. Food Fridays is always a big hit, the students love tasting their creations. Monthly grocery store trips are a great teaching tool for money skills and following lists. We have had great participation for DD spirit month which has brought lots of daily smiles and laughs. ☐

Miss Ashley and the intermediate class



## PRESCHOOL with Mrs. Service

We have had a wonderful time in Preschool. We have amped up our learning about letters, numbers and sight words. We also have delved into more science including making flubber and exploring magnets. We planted seeds that will hopefully grow into some beautiful flowers. We greatly enjoyed our special days during March DD Month. We are so proud of the little books that our students wrote and illustrated. They loved sharing these with their parents at Starbooks.

As the year progresses great bonds are formed between these students and between the students and staff. These are the bittersweet months as we soak up all the memories and try to forget that our time together will come to an end soon.





# Elementary Class Celebrating Spring

Happy Spring! Students in the elementary classroom continue to make progress in all areas, while having some fun along the way. There have been many special days to celebrate over the last several weeks, including Dr. Seuss week, DD month and special days at Carrollton Elementary. During Dr. Seuss week we read several Dr. Seuss books followed by crafts, rhyming games, and food fun. During DD Month, the class enjoyed visiting Carroll Hills School to see animals at the petting zoo. The children also had a great time decorating cupcakes on "Cupcake Wars" day. At Carrollton Elementary, the students loved watching Carrollton High School students perform scenes from the musical "Annie."

I am continuously impressed with our students and all their hard work. It is an honor to note that one of our students, Grayson Baumann, received a nomination for the Student Personal Achievement Award which was recognized at the annual DD Banquet.

As we look ahead, everyone is eagerly awaiting the warmer weather that is approaching. My students enjoy those extra minutes outside and have started to get excited about all the possibilities in the next months. With all the progress that has been made this year, I am excited to see what the final weeks of school have in store.

Mrs. Talarico



## Employee's Years of Service Recognized Thank you for your dedication to those we serve!

### 5 Years of Service

**Dave Henry**  
**Cathi Koffel**

### 15 Years of Service

**Ray Heaston**  
**Cindy Jones**  
**Kim Yeager**

### 20 Years of Service

**Vivian DeFilippo**  
**Reva Castelucci**  
**Mark Herron**  
**JoAnn Hilliard**  
**Linda Miller**  
**Rhonda Powals**



# Thank you for your dedication to individuals served through the CCBDD!



## Business and Industry Award Nominations

Pieces with Purpose      **Minerva Bowl**  
 Sanders Market      Wendy's  
 Jimmy's Backyard BBQ

## Service Award Nominations

**Burgett Angus Farm**      Jennifer Jones  
 Carroll Conty Transit      St, John's Villa  
 Chop House

## Partnership Award Nominations

**Chris Boone**      Regina Falter  
 Jill Borland      Shannon Rector  
 Danene Carlisle      Erika Salewsky  
 Nik Schweikert      Paige Essig  
 Sarah Watkins      Sue Sargent  
 Carroll county General Health District

## Personal Achievement Awards

### Children Nominations

Madelyn Arquilla      Ryann Young  
 Grayson Baumann      **Brock Walton**  
 Namoi Kelly

### Adult Nominations

Makenzy Burke      Lexi Sweringen  
 Becky Easterday      Alaina Ulman  
 Cayce Gray      Alex Weaver  
 Beckie Hinkle      Cassidy Whitmore  
 Shirley Lewis      Seth Yacklin  
**Logan Smith**

## Hellen Eick Outstanding Volunteer Award Nominations

Jim Bennett      Chris Boone  
 Kathy Greene      **Shelly Haught**  
 John Lafferty      Mark Mayle  
 Bonnie Mitchell      Alfred Rhie  
 Teresa Swisher

## Hellen Eick Outstanding Provider Employee Award Nominations

Dale Baker      **Katelyn Hilderbrand**  
 Shaunette Hixenbaugh      Trish Langdon  
 Darla Mayle      Mark Mayle  
 Ella Rommie      Michelle Thompson  
 Jeremy Wright

## Hellen Eick Outstanding Employee Award Nominations

Nancy Boley      Shannan Boone  
 Nancy Fisher      Dave Henry  
 Penny Hodgson      Rose Howell  
 Cindy Jones      Denise Jurosko  
 Kelly Kail      Cathi Koffel  
 Donna Locker      Margaret Mesler  
**Amy Swaim**      Missy Toothman

## Superintendent Award Winner

**Seth Yacklin**



# In the Spotlight



Kristen Long was a teen when she was diagnosed with a rare genetic condition called Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva. This disability turns soft tissue into bone, making it extremely difficult for her to complete daily tasks without assistance. In 2008, Kristen started working at Carroll Hills Industries doing piece work, but it was quickly evident that she was capable of more. Kristen moved to the front office where she worked independently answering phones, greeting visitors, providing data entry for Medicaid billing, etc. Kristen expressed interest and attended Self-Advocacy training, which led her to become the first in Carroll County. Kristen led Self-Advocacy Group meetings at Carroll Hills providing insight to others on how to become their own self-advocate. Countless individuals followed her example and have become their own self-advocate since then.

By 2018, Kristen was ready for a change. The Carroll County General Health District needed an Administrative Assistant in the Nursing Division, and Kristen was given the opportunity to prove herself.

She enthusiastically learned to schedule appointments, bill insurance for services provided, support grant materials and data collection, and much more. Kristen wanted more so she pursued a college degree. Kristen graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting which helped her understand more related to billing and provided knowledge in excel for data collection and tracking. Once again though, she wanted more. Kristen will graduate in July, 2023 with a Master's Degree in Public Health with a Concentration in Community Health Leadership. In obtaining her degree, Kristen has received a promotion at the Carroll County General Health District becoming the Public Health Emergency Coordinator and Epidemiologist.

Living independently is important to Kristen and with the help of direct care staff, she is able to do just that. Kristen serves on the Carroll County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board as Secretary and is also a board member for the Ohio Association of County Boards. Kristen does not let her physical disability stop her from reaching her goals. Congratulations Kristen, you are an inspiration to all!

*Congratulations*



Kristen at the DD Annual Banquet receiving her five Years of Service Award in Community Employment



Tyler Imes is determined to be independent and achieve his goals. He wanted a job in the community and in February, he achieved this goal. Tyler is working four days a week at Pizza Hut in Carrollton. Not only did he gain employment but has also gained friendships and a gumball machine!



Makenzy Burke works one day a week cleaning the USDA Building but wanted more and desired a second job. She has always said she would like to work at Taco Bell in Carrollton. In January, Makenzy decided it was time to go for it, she applied and got the job. She is working three days a week at Taco Bell and is excited to be employed at her dream job.

Alex Weaver completed a community-based assessment in February to learn restaurant job skills at Jimmys Backyard BBQ and was hired immediately after. He works one day a week and enjoys being a part of the team as well as earning a paycheck like his siblings.



Carrie Crowl applied at Walmart in Alliance and was hired in March. She works three days a week and is excited to be earning a paycheck to save money for large diamond art projects and shopping.

Noah Gray also applied at Walmart in Alliance and was also hired in March. He works three days a week and is excited to be working in an environment that requires him to assist other people.

## Congratulations to you all!





# Carroll County Special Olympics

The basketball teams had a very good season. The Cougar's Annual Fun Games for DD Awareness Month was a big hit! Several organizations, businesses, clubs, etc. took on our Varsity and JV teams. A few of the opposing teams were the Carrollton Police Department, Carrollton and Fox Township Fire Departments, SAVE22, 4H Teen Leaders, ODOT, and Jimmy's Pizzeria and Backyard BBQ.

Both basketball teams did a great job this year and made tremendous strides in working on their skills. The cheerleaders cheered at all the home games and entertained the fans at halftime. Our Polar Plunge event was very fun, we plan to make this an annual event.



Bowling is halfway through, the bowlers are perfecting their skills for the State Summer Games. Bocce and Athletics will start in April, so let's hope the Ohio weather cooperates. Thank you to everyone who has helped with the Special Olympics program in one way or another. We appreciate you all! And remember.....**GO COUGARS!**

Penny Hodgson



Penny Hodgson

The Carroll County People First Advocacy group had a busy March with DD Awareness month. The group held their annual election of officers. The nominees prepared speeches and presentations about why they would be good for their nominated office. We are pleased to announce the 2023 officers.

The group formed a committee and planned a talent show for the end of DD Month, March 28, 2023. It is the First Annual Carrollton's Got Talent Contest. The group voted to charge for tickets, sell various concession items, 50/50 Drawing, and much more!

The group has a line up of special speakers for this year and are working very hard on selling candy bars to help support their trip to Washington DC next year.



L to R: Sarah Hines, President; William Sutton, Vice President; Marie Denhart, Secretary; Charlie Weir, Treasurer; and Mike Groom, Sargeant of Arms.

## Carrollton's Got Talent

People First Advocacy Group presented the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual "Carrollton's Got Talent" Talent Show. Thank you to all who attended and made this an awesome event. 1<sup>st</sup> place winner was Abby Bland singing a song from Five Nights at Freddy's, 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner was Alyssa Woodworth who sang a song from Aerosmith, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner was a duo, Becky Hinkle and Tonja Hartline sang and did a cheer. Twelve contestants performed and all won a prize and an award. All proceeds from this event will help fund the Washington DC advocacy trip the group is planning for 2024.

Special thanks go out to the following supporters who helped make this event so special:

Carroll Hills Council, Jimmy's BBQ, Carrollton McDonalds, Dairy Queen, The Chop House, Pieces with Purpose, Raven & Wolf Crystal Shop and Art, Kayla Hennebert Laura Morgan, The Boone Family, Ohio Grille, Jesse Copple, Jeremy Wright, St John's Villa, Matt Campbell, Richard Davis, Shaunette Hixenbaugh, and Brandon Hixenbaugh





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- 4/5/23 - School Closed— Conference Comp Day
- 4/6/23— School Closed
- 4/7/23 - Entire Program Closed
- 4/10/23 - Entire Program Closed
- 4/10/23 - Carroll Hills Council meeting 3:30PM at School
- 5/5/23 - 2 Hour Delay - School Only
- 5/24/23- Last Day of School for Preschoolers
- 5/26/23 - Last Day of School Students /Awards and Graduation
- 5/29/23 - Memorial Day—Entire Program Closed
- 5/30/23 - Last Day for School Staff
- 6/19/23 - Juneteenth - Program Closed
- 7/4/23 - Independence Day Observed - Program Closed
- 8/16-18/23 - School Staff Inservice –8:00-3:00 pm
- 8/21/23 - First Day of School for School-Age Program

