

# Oak Hill Thes

## Mentors in sociology, theatre, help senior choose career path

KOKOMO, Ind. — Dezi Dagey enrolled at Indiana University Kokomo with an idea of what she wanted to do, and a major selected.

In God We Trust

Shortly after her classes began, she knew her major wasn't for her, but she couldn't decide what her next step was.

An email from one of her professors helped her choose a new direction in sociology, which she enjoys for the empathy it teaches, and the opportunity to see the world through multiple perspectives.

"I was taking a sociology class with Dr. Niki Weller (professor of sociology), and she reached out," she said. "She emailed me and said, 'You're doing so well in this class, I think you should consider a major or minor in sociology. She helped me realize how much I love sociology. I'm thankful she pointed it out to me so I could earn a degree in something I'm passionate about."

Dagey, a Westfield
High School graduate
who now lives in Tipton,
is considering a career
in counseling after she
graduates in May. She also
will complete a minor in
theatre, which has been an
important part of her IU
Kokomo experience.

"Theatre gave me a community I was part of,

where I felt like everyone cared about me," she said.
"That group is so tight knit. It also allowed me to get close to some professors who have helped me grow a lot, both in theatre and in life."

Working with Dennis Henry, who was a visiting lecturer in theatre, taught her technical skills in acting, which became life lessons.

"He taught me how to control my body on stage, and how to control my voice," she said. "Then that seeped into real life, that I didn't have to stress as much. He helped me see real life as it was."

Wendy Grice, director of music, helped her become a better singer, and Joann Kaiser, teaching professor in communication arts, has served as a mentor.

"She's just been there for me when I needed to talk about something and helped me get a job with a theatre company," Dagey said. "She's been a really big impact just in general for me."

Dagey also has worked as an assistant to Stephanie Medley-Rath, associate professor of sociology, with the Teaching Resources and Innovation Library for Sociology (TRAILS), part of the American Sociological Association.

She's enjoyed participating in theatre productions, with

her role in The Laramie Project standing out as her favorite. The play explores the aftermath of the murder of Matthew Shepard, an LGBTQ+ student at the University of Wyoming who was beaten to death in 1998. The incident led to federal legislation against hate crimes.

"That rehearsal process involved a lot of tears," she said. "It was a hard play to go through. I was happy with how the production came out in the end."

The current production of Oklahoma, set to run April 12-14, is quickly becoming a favorite, she added. Dagey is the lead dancer for the musical.

In addition to building community in theatre, she's also made friends through the Kokomo Experience and You, or KEY, program. She explored Walt Disney World resort through a sociologist's eyes and attended a production of The Addams Family at Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre.

"I got to meet people I don't think I would have been able to get close to in a class setting," she said. "Since Disney, I've had classes with them, and we hang out and talk and are friends to this day."

Education is KEY at Indiana University Kokomo.



**Brandy Reader** 

## Arts Place announces Blackford County Arts Center Director

Arts Place, a regional arts provider with centers in Hartford City and Portland, IN serving east central Indiana and west central Ohio, welcomes Brandy Reader as the new Center Director at the Blackford County Arts Center of Arts Place. Brandy will work closely with the Executive Director to manage the center, serve as liaison to the community board during fundraising, and develop programming for the center

Brandy's past experience includes serving as a Girl Scout leader, vice president of Hartford City Heritage Days, business manager to several historic properties, and a researcher. Ms. Reader has recently discovered a newfound passion for historic preservation, research and genealogy and considers herself a lifelong learner.

Growing up Brandy became fascinated with photography while her dad was in the Navy.

Photography was a way to be connected with her dad while he was miles away out to con

During her youth,
Ms. Reader was always
surrounded by artists
and crafters fostering
a love for the arts and
community. In her spare
time, she enjoys sewing, rock
hunting, concerts, creating
with upcycled materials,
photography, and most of
all spending time with her
family.

Ms. Reader moved to Hartford City in 2001. Brandy has two daughters who attend Blackford County Schools.

Carolyn Carducci,
Executive Director & CEO of
Arts Place noted "Brandy's
management experience of
older properties, community
involvement, and her passion
for the arts make her a perfec
fit for this position. We look
forward to having Brandy
onboard to help us streamline
the work we that we do,
expand our programming in
Blackford County, and better
serve the community."

Brandy will start her new position on Tuesday, March 19th at the Blackford County Arts Center of Arts Place.



It always seems impossible until it's done.
- Nelson Mandela



# The Guardians with The Riddells in concert at Epworth UMC

Epworth Church, 105 W 8th St, Matthews, Indiana is pleased to announce The Guardians with the Riddells in concert on Friday, March 22, 2024! Doors open at 6 PM, Concert starts at 7 PM. Tickets are \$15 in advance online or at the door if available. Also, a love offering will be received. Limited seating, To guarantee your seats, please purchase tickets in advance online at www. epworthworship.com/ guardians or call/text 765-667-0842.

John Darin
Rowsey, Pat Barker,
Scott Mullins and
Paul Lancaster,
collectively known as
The Guardians are
a southern gospel
quartet with a unique
sound, tight harmony



and a passion for sharing the gospel through their music. Occasionally, they are joined on stage by founding member, owner and manager, Dean Hickman, who has been in southern gospel music for over 60 years. With three Dove Award nominations, multiple #1 songs and Fan Awards, the Lord has blessed The Guardians with an

incredible journey since their inception. Each member of the Group brings a sincere commitment to glorifying Jesus Christ. Therefore, their mantra remains echoing John the Baptist's words in John 3:30: "He must increase but I must decrease."

The Riddells are a family trio consisting of Sonja and her children Justin and Kayla. They have been in the ministry since 2001. Each member brings their own unique style to the group. The Riddells are a mix of Bluegrass, Contemporary, and Soul tied together with a Southern Gospel bow. They have had many experiences along the way and have found God to be ever faithful. In their years of traveling, they have sung in 19 states, as well as Jamaica. This family truly loves life on the road, but to them it is not a hobby, a pastime,

or an occupation. It is

a calling.

# Marion JROTC cadets earn three deuces and more

The Marion High School JROTC cadets traveled to Kentucky last weekend to compete in the 7th Brigade Championship, fielding their nationally ranked Air Rifle Team and their consistently winning color guard. The Brigade Championship featured the very best teams from Michigan, Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee and Indiana. And the Giants represented themselves well.

The vaunted color guard, which has consistently placed in the top three at every competition this year, earned second place overall — the highest placement ever for a Marion squad competing in the drill disciplines at the Brigade Championship.

The color guard was composed of seniors Jocelyn Lopez-Gomez and Jerrica Cheung along with sophomores Lilly Carter and Evelyn Lopez-Gomez.

"These ladies are absolutely amazing in their craft," said retired Command Sgt. Maj. Jon Smith, the coach for the drill team. "They consistently perform well even under the most extreme pressure. It was a great finish for the team and especially our two seniors."

The Giants' precision air rifle team finished second overall. This was a tough placement for a team accustomed to winning the Brigade Championship over the last several years.

"The team shot well, but not great," said retired Lt. Col. David Farlow, the rifle team's coach. "It was a disappointing loss for them. But it was also a learning experience."

Marion High School junior Emily Smith finished in second place overall. Her teammate Gwynneth Hamilton secured fifth place.

"It was fun to compete at this level," Hamilton said of her first trip to the Brigade Championship.

Smith heads off to the JROTC All-Service Championship later this month. She is only the second Marion marksman to earn a berth to this most prestigious of all JROTC marksmanship competitions.

But the accolades for the Giants did not end with just the competitive events. Jocelyn Lopez-Gomez was also awarded an four-year Army ROTC scholarship to attend Indiana University in Bloomington. While at the competition, she interviewed with representatives of the 7th Brigade Leadership, which resulted in her instant selection for this prestigious award. She is the 12th Marion cadet to earn a national ROTC scholarship.

Aside from Smith's upcoming attendance to the All-Services Rifle Championship, two other marksmen have one final competition this year. Sophomore Anderrson Guevara and freshman Danielle Purdy will compete in the Junior Olympics in Colorado Springs next month.

The JROTC Dept. is accepting donations to help with the expenses associated with this trip. Donations can be mailed to Marion High School, 750 W. 26th St., Marion, IN 46953, or made online: https://bit.ly/GiveToMHSJROTC



Marion High School's varsity JROTC color guard competed recently at the 7th Brigade Championship in Kentucky, earning second place from among the best teams from Michigan, Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee and Indiana. This was the highest finish ever for a Marion drill team competing at this level.

Photos provided by Marion Community Schools



Emily Smith, team captain for the JROTC precision marksmanship team, accepts the second place trophy for her team's performance recently at the 7th Brigade Championship. Smith also placed second as an individual marksman in the competition.



Marion High School senior Jocelyn Lopez-Gomez poses with leadership from the U.S. Army's Cadet Command upon her being awarded a four-year Army ROTC scholarship valued at nearly \$50,000. She plans to attend Indiana University at Bloomington.

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## AREA DEATHS March 13, 2024 - March 19, 2024

## Mary C. Vinson

Mary C. Vinson, age 87, passed away at her residence, Sunday, March 17, 2024.

Visitation for family and friends will be Friday, March 22, 2024, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Raven Choate Robinson Funeral Home, 1202 W Kem Rd., Marion. Funeral serves will be held at 1:00 PM following visitation. Burial will take place at Maple Grove Cemetery, Sweetser, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers the family requests contributions be made in Mary's memory to: Shriners Childrens Hospital, One Children's Plaza 2 West, Dayton, Ohio, 45404 or to Riley Children's Foundation, P.O. Box # 3356, Indianapolis, Indiana 46206-3356.

Online condolences may be shared at www.ravenchoate.com

#### Patricia Mcclure

Patricia A. McClure, age 84, went to be with her Lord on March 13, 2024.

Visitation for friends and family will be Monday, March 18, 2024, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Raven Choate Robinson Funeral Home, 1202 W Kem Rd., Marion. Funeral service will be held immediately following visitation. Pastor Jason Vandemark will officiate.

Memorial Contributions may be made to James (Jimmy) Myles Mack Scholarship Fund, 505 W 3rd St., Marion, IN 46952 or to St. James Lutheran Church, 1206 N Miller Ave., Marion, IN 46952.

Online condolences may be shared at www.ravenchoate.com

## Mary Jo Murch

It is with deep sadness we share that our beloved wife, mother, aunt, and friend, Mary Jo Murch, 70, passed away on Saturday, March 16, 2024, after a courageous battle with colon cancer. She was surrounded by her family and close friends.

To celebrate Mary Jo's life, the family will host a celebration of life from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Saturday, April 6, 2024, at The Garden House at Matter Park.

Mary Jo will be interred at Marion National Cemetery.

Arrangements are entrusted to Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN.

Memories may be shared online at www. nswcares.com

## Imogene May Lowden

GAS CITY - Imogene May Lowden, 92, Gas City, passed away in her home on the morning of Friday, March 15, 2024 with her family by her side The family will receive visitors from 11:00 am to

1:00 pm on Thursday, March 21, 2024 at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, Storey Chapel 400 E. Main St., Gas City, IN.

Immediately following the time of a visitation, a funeral service to celebrate Imogene's life will begin at 1:00 pm at the funeral home with Pastor Mick Simpkins officiating. Burial will follow at Park Cemetery in Fairmount.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Marion-Grant County Humane Society P.O. Box 1921, Marion, IN 46952.

Memories may be shared at nswcares.com

## Floyd Rondel Estes

Our beloved husband and father, Floyd Rondel Estes, went to be with our Lord and Savior on March 15, 2024.

The family will receive visitors from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, Rybolt Chapel, 314 N. Washington St., Swayzee, IN.

Immediately following the time of visitation, a service to celebrate Floyd's life will begin at 1:00 pm with Scott Novinger officiating. Burial will

take place at Thrailkill Cemetery.

Memories may be shared online at www.
nswcares.com

## Dinah Kay Crockham

MARION - Dinah Kay Crockham, 72, Marion, passed away at 6:46 am on Friday, March 15, 2024, in her home.

The family will receive visitors from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on Friday, March 22, 2024, at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, 1204 W. 14th St., Marion, IN.

Immediately following the time of visitation, a service to celebrate Dinah's life will begin at 1:00 pm with Pastor C.L. Adams officiating. Burial will take place at Grant Memorial Park.

Arrangements are entrusted to Needham-Storey-

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Memories may be shared online at www.nswcares.com

## Judy C. (Edwards) Westfall

VAN BUREN - Judy C. (Edwards) Westfall, 85, Van Buren, passed away on Friday, March 15, 2024.

A service to celebrate Judy's life was held on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at the Needham-Storey-Wampner funeral home with Rev. Dr Tom Mansbarger officiating. Burial at Gardens of Memory - Marion.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Grace Community Church, 1810 E. Bradford Pike, Marion, IN 46952.

Memories may be shared online at www. nswcares.com

## Delmar L. "Doc" Carr

JONESBORO - Delmar L. "Doc" Carr, 94, of Jonesboro, passed away at 7:17 am on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at Colonial Oaks Assisted Living in Marion.

The family will receive visitors from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm on Friday, March 29, 2024, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, Storey Chapel, 400 E. Main St, Gas City, IN.

Immediately following the time of visitation, a Funeral Service to celebrate Doc's life will begin at 6:00 pm with Rev. Bruce Koontz officiating.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Friendship Baptist Church, 1921 W. Spencer Ave., Marion, IN, 46952.

Memories may be shared online at www. nswcares.com

## Elaine C. Berry

JONESBORO - C. Berry, 77, Jonesboro, passed away at 5:55 am on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at AMG Specialty Hospital in Muncie.

Funeral services were held on Monday, March 18, 2024, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, Storey Chapel, 400 E. Main St, Gas City, IN with Pastor Ken Dykhoff officiating. Burial at Park Cemetery.

Memories may be shared online at www. nswcares.com

## Kathryn "Katy" Lea Weirich

DELPHI - Kathryn "Katy" Lea Weirich, 92, Delphi, formerly of Marion, went to be with the Lord at 9:22 am on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at St. Elizabeth Healthcare in Delphi.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, March 17, 2024, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN with Del Garcia officiating. Burial at Gardens of Memory in Marion.

Memories may be shared online at www. nswcares.com

## Wayne J. Bickel

GENEVA - Wayne J. Bickel, 81, of Geneva passed away Saturday morning at 1:23 AM March 16, 2024 at Swiss Village in Berne, IN.

A service to celebrate Wayne's life was held at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 with Pastor David Cassity officiating. Interment in the Gravel Hill Cemetery in Bryant, IN.

Arrangements are being handled by Downing & Glancy Funeral Home in Geneva.

Online condolences may be made at www. glancyfuneralhomes.

## Judith "Judy" K. (Caffee) Baumgartner

Judith "Judy" K. (Caffee) Baumgartner passed away on March 15, 2024, in Ohio Health Mansfield Hospital surrounded by her family at the age of 78

Visitation in Judy's memory will be held on Thursday, March 21, 2024, from 4-7 p.m. in Snyder Funeral Home- Lindsey Chapel, Loudonville. Judy's services will continue at Downing &

Glancy Funeral Home 100 N. Washington Geneva, IN., with visitation on Saturday, March 23, 2024, from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM. A funeral service to honor Judy's life will follow on Saturday, March 23, 2024, at 2:00 PM with Pastor Robert Bird officiating. Burial will follow in M.R.E. Cemetery in Berne, Indiana.

Arrangements are being handled by Downing & Glancy Funeral Home in Geneva.

Online condolences may be made at www. glancyfuneralhomes.com

### Ruth Johnston Skidmore

Ruth Johnston Skidmore, beloved mother, aunt, wife, grandmother, great grandmother, friend, veteran, and long-time Oak Ridge resident died on March 14, 2024 at the age of 101 in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Ruth's graveside service will take place on Sunday, March 24, 2024, at Woodlawn Cemetery in Montpelier, beginning at 1:00 PM. Pastor Ryan Ingram will officiate, and military honors will be conducted by the United States Army and the Millard Brown American Legion Post #156.

A private service will be held in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, later this spring.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Walker & Glancy Funeral Home in Montpelier.

## Linda Kay Hurst

MARION - Kay Hurst, 73, Marion, passed away at 8:50 pm on Monday, March 18, 2024, in her home.

The family will receive visitors from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm on Thursday, March 28, 2024, at Grant Memorial Park Mausoleum Chapel, 1606 W. 26th St., Marion, IN.

Immediately following the time of visitation, a funeral service to celebrate Linda's life will begin at 1:00 pm. Burial will take place at Grant Memorial Park.

Arrangements are entrusted to Integrity Funeral Care, 1606 W. 26th St., Marion, IN.

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### Dale E. Rennaker

MARION - Dale E. Rennaker, 81, of Marion, passed away in his home on March 16, 2024.

Dale was a United States Marine Corps veteran.

Graveside services will be announced at a later date. Owen-Weilert-Duncan Funeral Home, Marion Chapel, 2722 South Washington Street, Marion, Indiana was entrusted with the arrangements

## With Deepest Sympathy

The sorrow that you feel
The heartache that you hear
Though we cannot comprehend
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May it comfort you to know We lift your name in prayer May you lean upon the Father For He is always there.

## **AGRI NEWS**

## UK Ag Equine Programs welcomes all to the Horsey Hustle 5K

By Holly Wiemers

LEXINGTON, Ky.— The University of Kentucky Ag Equine Programs at the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment will host the third annual Horsey Hustle 5K April 14. Event proceeds benefit the program's Student Experience and Applied Education Fund, established to support UK students in gaining horse experiences, both academically and recreationally.

"This year's event is Derby-themed and will be really fun," said Savannah Robin, lecturer of career and professional development within UK Ag Equine Programs and program liaison with the Wildcat Wranglers, a student equine ambassador group and this year's event organizer. "We're hopeful that this event will highlight our equine industry in Central Kentucky and be a way to connect various communities to what we're doing at UK and within the industry." Wildcat Wranglers,

meant to them. "Being a part of Horsey Hustle last year was a wonderful experience," said equine science and management senior Jaida Alee. "My

who have helped lead

past events, reflected

on what this event has

favorite aspect was how the event brought everyone together. Everywhere you looked, there were smiling faces. We were able to create a sense of belonging among the participants, not only with the race, but with activities and food."

All are welcome to participate and have fun in this year's Horsey Hustle event. Photo provided by Alex Sharp.

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Equine science and management junior Loralye Page, part of the event organizing team with Alee, shared how the event has evolved over the years.

"I have loved seeing the Horsey Hustle grow over the past two years. It went from just a 5k to being a whole day event that students, alumni and families could enjoy," she said.

The Student Experience and Applied Education Fund has benefited several students and opened opportunities for others. One example from this year includes a grant to help offset costs for Wildcat Wranglers for transportation to industry and outreach events — providing a bridge into the equine industry as students are learning and building networks.

Chloe Young is one of these students. Funds will enable her to attend the upcoming **International Society** of Equitation Science (ISES) conference in New Zealand. There, Young will present her research to an audience of equine researchers, veterinarians and practitioners involved in different disciplines from around the world.

'This is my first time completing research at UK and I am very thankful for the opportunity I have been given," Young said. "I am extremely excited to get to present my work at the ISES Conference, enhancing my research background for graduate school applications and my future career."

Members of the college's pre-law organization said the award will enhance their educational experiences for equine and promote law and policy within agriculture and equine industries to other interested college students.

'This fund is an amazing way to offer new experiences to our equine students," Robin said. "Riding lesson scholarships, paying for conference registrations, supporting various activities and spaces for equine students to learn and grow, this fund is making a difference in the lives of our students. Seeing the equine



industry come together to support our students is really exciting.'

**Event Sponsors** Event proceeds benefit the Student Experience and Applied Education Fund, established to support UK students in gaining horse experiences, both academically and recreationally. Photo provided by Alex Sharp.

Event proceeds benefit the Student Experience and Applied Education Fund, established to support UK students in gaining valuable extracurricular activities, inside and outside of the classroom. Photo provided by Alex Sharp.

In line with the Derby theme, the "Win"

sponsor is Stonestreet Farm. "Place" sponsors include EJMS CPA, The Jockey Club, Kentucky **Equine Education** Project, Spy Coast Farm, Neogen and VisitLex. "Show" sponsors include Ardent Animal Health, Ed Brown Society, Godolphin, Hallway Feeds, Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital and UK Equine Alumni Affiliated Network. Inkind sponsors include **KBC** Horse Supplies, Kentucky Horse Park and the U.S. Hunter/ Jumper Association.

"We are grateful for all of our generous sponsors," said James MacLeod, director of UK Ag Equine Programs. "This event offers so much, and spring is the perfect time for outdoor

activities. We welcome all to join us and support our students."

Registration is \$35 and includes a T-shirt for those registered by the early bird March 10 deadline. For those unable to attend, but who wish to make a donation, visit the registration page.

Onsite registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Participants are encouraged to bring a chair or picnic blankets. Event location is the Coldstream Park, located at 1850 Pisacano Drive in Lexington.

To register or make a donation, visit https:// raceroster.com/ events/2024/84793/ uk-horsey-hustle-5krunwalk.

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## AGRI NEWS



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# Getting garden beds ready for planting

**By Teresa Pearson** Farmers' Quarterly Writer

Just like you give your house a good spring cleaning to freshen it up after a long winter, you can do the same to get your garden in shape for the warmer months.

Just before spring, clean the plant debris

out of your garden beds. Branches, matted down leaves, last year's foliage, and any annuals you didn't remove last fall, need to be cleaned up. Cleaning out your garden beds will help to keep pests and diseases at bay. But, don't clean out too early because if you do you can destroy any beneficial bugs that have nestled in for the winter. It is also a good time to clean out debris from your pond or water feature. While you're at it, scrub up your bird bath and containers before setting them back out into the garden.

Next, test your soil if it has been a while. Experts recommend

testing your garden soil every 3-5 years to see what nutrients or organic materials it needs and which it has too much of. A good general rule is to top the soil with an inch or two of compost or manure in early spring just before planting. That's also a good time to sprinkle an organic slow release plant food around your perennials and shrubs. Earthworms and other garden creatures will do the job of working these organic materials down into the soil for you.

Spring is a good time to prune some kinds of woody shrubs and trees, if you didn't do it in the fall.

Another early spring chore, when they are just beginning to pop up, divide and transplant any perennials that have outgrown their space or grown large enough to split, if desired. One that I divide every other spring are my hostas.

If you have a trellis you stored away for winter, early spring is a good time to clean it up and bring it back out into the garden. While you are at it get those other garden decorations and wind chimes out as well.

Though most annual flowers need the soil to warm up a bit before planting, some cool weather loving plants like pansies, daisies, sweet alyssum and petunias, won't mind if you plant them in the garden early.

If you do have a late spring frost or freezes, be prepared to cover up plants that have tender buds or foliage. If the buds haven't begun to open yet, there's no need to cover them. Old sheets and towels are a good option. Don't cover tender plants with plastic or tarps. The effect of the plastic touching the newly emerging buds and foliage will magnify the cold's effect, rather than stop it.

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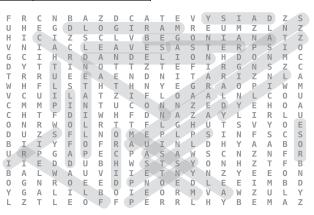
## **Guess Who?**



I am a singer born in California on March 16, 1988. When I was starting my career, people thought I was related to Lil' Fizz. I rose to fame as a singer with the R&B group B2K and on the back of my poetry collection.

Answer: Jhené Aiko

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## PhyXTGears Team 1720 competes in Columbus, IN

Story and Photos by Frank Braswell

On January 6, 2024, the International FIRST Robotics organization revealed their 2024 game called Crescendo. Over the following two months PhyXTGears Team 1720 designed and built a competitive robot, and took to the field March 16-17 to compete with 34 other FIRST Indiana robotics teams in Columbus, IN.

In the Columbus District competition, PhyXTGears placed 18th in the qualifying matches and 7th in the playoffs. During each 3 1/2 minute match, our students have to adapt quickly to changing field conditions in order to score points by launching special rings at targets on the field. The final challenge of each match is for the robot to lift itself off the ground from a chain. Between matches

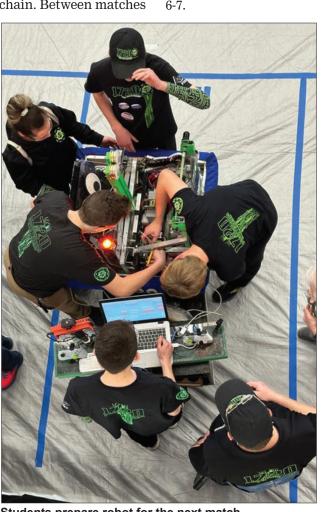
students work feverishly in the pits, solving technical problems and preparing the robot for the next match.

PhyXTGears distinguished itself with several awards. Two of our students, Roman and Carter, were nominated for the FIRST Indiana Dean's List award. Team President, Shawn Van Ness, was nominated for the Woody Flowers Award in recognition for over 15 years of service to PhyXTGears. The team also received the prestigious Engineering Inspiration Award for "outstanding success in advancing respect and appreciation for engineering within a team's organization, and community."

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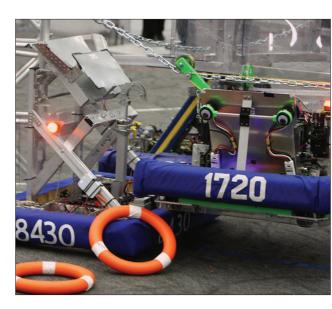


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