



# RSU 9 News

## April 8, 2022

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### Congratulations are in order!

The following students were inducted into the Foster Career and Technical Education Center's local chapter of the National Technical Honor Society at celebrations on February 15 and 16, 2022.

Blue Day		Gold Day	
Alyssa Beaulieu	Anna Hyde	Jayden Achorn	Nathaniel Hutchins
Chance Brooks	Samuel Judkins	Grace Bell	Kamryn Joyce
Kellsie Buzzell	Jade Lewis	Savanna Bowen	Kyran Katzenbach
Samantha Clark	Evan Lowell	Jenna Campbell	Toby Lindsay
Kaidence Coolidge	Madysen Nichols	Emma Casavant	RyLeigh Macomber
Katelyn Daggett	Brynne Robbins	Ryleigh Castonguay	Elle Marshall
Khloe Dean	Gabriella Rodriguez	Sherilyn Chick	Emma Maxim
Mariah Dill	Ella Shaffer	Katie Cilley	Emily Maxim
Evan Hamblin	Caleb Sinkinson-Brown	Della Colello	Eryn Parlin
Kandie Hensley	Kaylee Sterling	Vivian Cormier	Seth Pinkham
Daniel Hodgdon	Melisa Thomas	Tomas Cundick	Reagan Pratt
Emily Holmes	Jamie Thompson	Jet Decker	Cole Sillanpaa
Lauren Howatt	Brody Walsh	Emma Dunn	Caleb Sinkinson-Brown
Alex Hupp	Daniel Wilson	Mckella Ford	Olivia Smothers
Jay Hutchins		Jillian Gamage	Abbigail Swett
		Samuel Goodspeed	Amelia Tierney
		Sophie Haley-Vigue	Callahan Towle
		Alex Hardy	Carson Zundel
		Abigail Hatch	

National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) celebrates the accomplishments of career and technical education students, empowering them to know the value and impact of their career paths and trades. Since 1984, NTHS has been honoring outstanding student achievement, providing scholarships, and career development opportunities. Way to go inductees!

### Franklin County Spelling Bee Champ

Mt. Blue Middle School eighth-grader Elizabeth Strickland was recently named the champion of the Franklin County Spelling Bee. Elizabeth then went on to represent Franklin County in the Maine State Spelling Bee in late March. Congratulations on your accomplishments, Elizabeth!



### Important Dates Coming Up!

- [21/22 District School Calendar](#)
- [21/22 - Blue Gold Calendar](#) (MBHS/Foster Tech)

**No School**

- April 18, 2022 - Patriots' Day
- April 19 - 22, 2022 - Spring Vacation

### District Budget

Information on RSU 9's budget development process for the 2022/23 school year, including school/department presentations and meeting videos, is available on the [Budget Information Website](#).

- April 12, 2022 - Community Forum/Budget Presentation
- May 24, 2022 - Districtwide Budget Hearing
- June 14, 2022 - Budget Referendum Vote

### Strategic Planning Update

The RSU 9 Board of Directors adopted the Mission and Vision Statements at the March 8, 2022 meeting.



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[Click here](#) for the full Mission and Vision Statements or visit our [Strategic Planning website](#) for more information on our Strategic Planning process, next steps, and upcoming meetings.

## Local Geography Bee Winners

Mt. Blue Middle School hosted its annual Geography Bee in January. Eighth-grader Julian Reynolds placed first and seventh-grader Heinrich Whiteside was the runner up. Congratulations to both young men on their academic achievements!

## Souther Farm Solar Array

RSU 9 is proud to be a partner in the Souther Farm solar array clean energy project in Livermore Falls.

Please visit our [website](#) for more information about the project, including a video about the Souther Farm.



## Moving Forward

The Forestry and Woodharvesting Program at Foster Career and Technical Education Center was recently awarded a grant from the Bureau of Parks and Lands to purchase a Mini-Forwarder.



Our students will now be able to receive more hands-on



training and experience with another piece of machinery that will be used when they enter the field of work.

## Public Safety Training

Local firefighters, police, and other area first responders participate in public safety training sessions at our Western Maine Public Safety Training Facility located behind Mt. Blue Campus each month. Most recently, approximately 20 Maine State Police Officers spent the day at the facility doing physical fitness training for upcoming bomb squad tryouts. Superintendent Elkington is pictured departing the building with firefighters assessing fire control inside the building.



## Staff Members of the Month

We initiated a monthly staff recognition program last winter to honor and celebrate the exceptional work and accomplishments our staff makes every day. The program provides our staff the opportunity to nominate a deserving colleague who goes above and beyond in the service of our students and community. Please see our most recent support and professional staff recipients below. If you'd like to see photos of the recipients, click [here](#).

	Professional Staff	Support Staff
Feb. 2022	Kathryn Clement, RN School Nurse W.G. Mallett School	Joyce Smiley Driver/Custodian Mt. Blue Middle School/Cape Cod Hill School
Jan. 2022	Maria Howatt Science Mt. Blue Campus	Andrew Rothert Mechanic Bus Garage
Dec. 2021	Becky Roy Social Studies Mt. Blue Middle School	Nathalie Choquette Ed Tech W.G. Mallett School
Nov. 2021	Katie Fournier Social Worker Cascade Brook School	Amy Eustis School Secretary Academy Hill School

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