



RSU 9 News

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

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 Rotherth 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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