



District Honors & Highlights

May 12, 2025

Fine Arts Highlight: Congratulations to the directors and students that were a part of the successful spring musical, *Singing in the Rain*.



LIONS & Volunteer Award Recipients: Congratulations to the 2024-25 LIONS and Volunteer Award Recipients! All are invited to celebrate the recipients on May 14th in the boardroom of the Educational Leadership Center beginning with a reception at 5:00 PM and a presentation to the recipients at 5:30 PM.

- **L**iving Legend: Barry Buchholz, Vice President, LMCS D Board of Directors
- **I**nnovator: John Christian, Principal, Excelsior Middle School
- **O**ptimizers: Erin Gorman, School Counselor, Excelsior Middle School
Kelsey Rastetter, Admin Assistant, Athletic Department
- **N**ewcomer: Amanda Weaver, Student Support Associate, Westfield Elementary
- **S**ervice: Matt Gasper, 7th Gr Science Teacher, Excelsior Middle School
- **Lions Pride:** Cheyenne Boyd, Preschool Teacher, Echo Hill Elementary
Brian Meyer, Lead Custodian, Hazel Point Intermediate School
- Above & Beyond Volunteer Award: Bird Gengler
- Making a Difference Volunteer Award: Au Vu
- Unsung Hero Volunteer Award: Derek Jensen

Administrators Honor: A huge thank you goes out to all of our school principals as we recognized them on National School Principals' Day (May 1st). The students, families, and staff are grateful for their dedication to the district and community in ensuring the students have a successful tenure at Linn-Mar. #WeAreLinnMar





SODA & TRY Honors: Congratulations to the LM High School students who participate in Students Opposed to Drugs and Alcohol (SODA) and Teens Reaching Youth (TRY) for being recognized by Mayor Nick AbouAssaly and the Marion East Cedar Rapids Rotary for their leadership and commitment to make a positive impact on our community.

Community Build Highlight: Great job to all the Linn-Mar and Marion Independent high school students that worked hard to complete this year's Marion Community Builds Project. Thanks go out to the City of Marion and the Metro Economic Development Corporation (MEDCO) for their support of this partnership.

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Academic Honors: Congratulations to all of the Linn-Mar High School students who were recognized during Senior Recognition Night on May 5th. Best wishes are offered to all of the 2024-25 graduates!

School Nurses Highlight: A huge thank you was offered to all of the Linn-Mar nurses and health assistants for their services as we recognized them on School Nurses' Day (May 7th).

Nutrition Services Highlight: Thanks were extended to all of the Nutrition Services staff for their hard work as we recognized them on School Lunch Hero Day (May 2nd).