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# TOWLE BRIDGE

Towle Institute Monthly Newsletter



## THE TURNING POINT OF HISTORY

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This month we are reminded of the single most important event in human history: God's plan of redemption revealed to us in Jesus!

A remembrance given in advance that would remind as well as point to the ultimate hope. The creator and savior of the world was crucified and died. His followers scattered, were full of confusion and doubt, and still clinging to faith.

In a fog of grief and doubt, exactly three days and three nights later,

He rose in a resurrected body, confirming and reassuring the tenet that has been held on to for generations. Before He died, the Lord shared a Passover meal with His disciples. He told them that when they partake of the Passover, an memorial of God's deliverance out of Egypt, it is now to be done in remembrance of Him. Paul echoes this reminding us to do so with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth!

# ACADEMIC ADVISING NOTES

- **REMINDER for all High School Students:** Week 33 (**May 11, 2026**) is the deadline date to hand in your paperwork for obtaining **PE and/or Music** credit for this academic year.

For academic courses taken as **Independent Study**, please follow the deadline dates established by the Department Head.

- **Summer Opportunities** – This is the time of year to begin planning! The **University of Delaware’s Edge Summer College Program** is just one example. It offers rising high school *juniors* and *seniors* (ages 15 to 17) opportunities to enrich and expand their academic experience, including earning up to 7 fully accredited college credits and living on campus for the 5-week summer session. It is intense but very rewarding! Visit <https://www.udel.edu/apply/undergraduate-admissions/precollege-programs/edge/> for more information and deadline application dates!

Numerous (not all) colleges have similar summer programs. Check the websites of those colleges that you are interested in attending. It’s a great way to “check out” that college!

- For all **high school-aged students**, it is not too early to begin looking into summer volunteer opportunities. Don’t forget to ask your relatives and friends for ideas as to where to apply.
- **Extracurricular activities** will play an important role in the college application packet. Please make every effort to accrue meaningful experiences and keep track of them.
- It is the student’s responsibility to keep a detailed list of any **academic honors and/or awards** earned in high school. *Please give me a copy of that list at the end of the school year, so that I can include this information onto your transcript.* Keep in mind, you need to note the level of the competition (school, county, state, regional, national, etc.), the exact name of the competition, and the specific award earned (first place, honorable mention, meritorious award, superior ranking, etc.). *For example:* Second Place, Individual Exhibit Category, School-level National History Day Competition.
- If you have any questions or concerns that arise, please feel free to email me or stop by the office anytime on Mondays.

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# Senior Spotlight

## Natalie Barthel



### What are your plans after you graduate?

UD for the immediate future, radiology long term.

### What are some of your hobbies or activities?

Drawing and reading.

### What is your favorite thing to do in the summer?

Run from the heat. (Not my favorite season)

### What is your favorite class?

Anatomy and Physiology

### What is the best ice cream flavor?

Anything with chocolate.

### What is your best Towle memory?

I can't think of a specific moment but the overall year has been a great experience.

### Do you have any finals tips?

Keep a clear and regularly updated schedule and don't be afraid to ask questions in class if you feel confused.

### Could you describe yourself in three words?

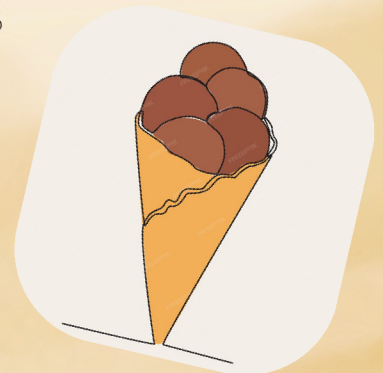
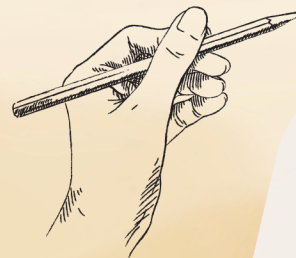
Creative, adaptable, determined

### How many siblings do you have? What are their names?

Two, Matt and Keira

### Who's your biggest role model?

I wouldn't say I have one specific role model, I've learned a lot from many people in my life including my parents, grandparents, teachers, and fellow students.



# INTERVIEWS

By: Kelly McHugh

## Gloria Wilkins



Athletic, funny, kind

Gloria was homeschooled before coming to Towle. Her favorite subject is math, and her favorite food is sushi. She has nine siblings and 3 pets: a dog, a cat, and a goldfish.

## Emma Lane



Funny, Smart, and Caring

Emma was homeschooled for the most part before coming to Towle, but she also spent some time at Odyssey Charter School up in Wilmington. She likes math and history. She has two siblings, Lexie, who is 19, and Remy, who is 12 (and also comes to Towle). She also has a dog named Biscuit. She said her favorite food is tacos from the Mexican Table in Hockessin.

## Mrs. Cook



This is Mrs. Cook's first year as an elementary study hall monitor, and she says she is honored to do so. She said that "If I could give my younger self advice, it would be to remember 'this too shall pass.' For all the tests, difficult projects, and hard times, 'this too shall pass.' In all the good times with friends, school dances, and silly times, be present in the moment because 'this too shall pass.'" She is married to "the handsome Ryan Cook. We share our 3 lovely girls, ages 2, 13, & 15." She also said they have a cat named Drizzle, because he looks like a vanilla sundae with a chocolate drizzle. Continuing with the chocolate theme, she said her culinary weakness is chocolate. "The best dessert is the Chocolate Island from Bahama Breeze. It's a must try!" When I asked her what her superpower would be, she told me, "God gave us this planet to tend before the Fall of man. I HATE seeing litter trashing God's creation. If I had any superpower, it would definitely be to zap litter into the perpetrator's house. Someone tosses their cigarette butt out of the car window. ZAP! Whoops, now it's in their pillowcase." She said if she could travel anywhere, Ireland would be the destination. Her self-description in a nutshell is "ambitious, devoted to God, and incurably curious." Lastly, she said her favorite holiday is easily Christmas, she said "Inspired by the movie, A Christmas Story, my family has eaten sushi on Christmas Day for almost the past decade."

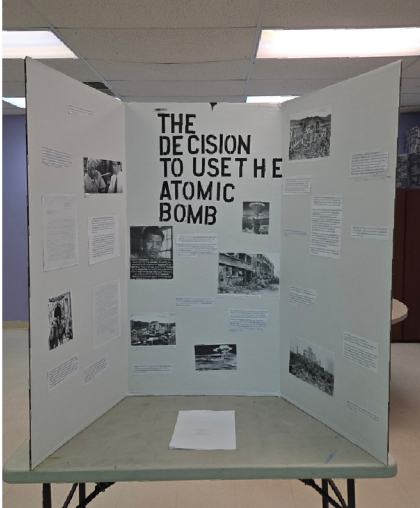
# NATIONAL History Day

Towle's National History Day Contest took place on Wednesday, February 18th. Sixteen students participated, creating exhibits, websites, and documentaries!



**Sr. Division - Individual Website**  
1st Place Penelope Schlabach  
2nd Place Micah Watts

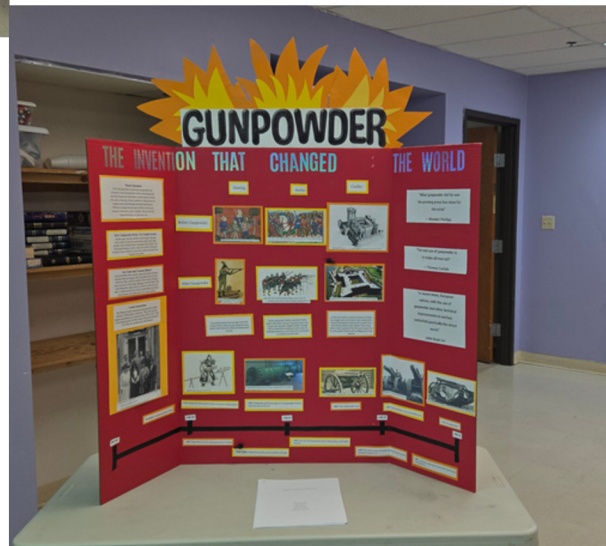
**Jr. Division - Group Exhibit**  
1st Place Carrie & Melina Keathley



**Jr. Division - Individual Exhibit**  
1st Place Jude Fursdon- Welsh  
2nd Place Joy Wilkins

**Jr. Division - Individual Documentary**  
1st Place McKenzie McMahan

**Jr. Division - Individual Website**  
1st Place Daisy Wilkins  
2nd Place Emma Betts



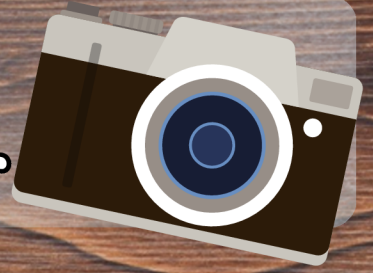
**All of the projects were excellent, and all are eligible to move on to the Delaware State Contest on April 18th at Delaware Technical Community College Wilmington Campus.**





# SNAPSHOTS

## BASKETBALL BANQUET



# April 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>LAB SCHEDULE</b> <b>8:30AM - 10:30AM</b> <b>Biology • Chemistry • Anatomy &amp; Physiology</b> Week 28			Senior Trip Commitment Deadline!	Drama		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<b>TOWLE SPRING BREAK - NO CLASSES</b>						
12	13	14	Labs	Drama	17	18
19	20	21	22	Robin Hood	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	UPCOMING LAB DATES: April 15, May 20	

