

United in DIVERSITY

FRAME THE MOMENT

Robin Hamm (9), Matthew Arroyo (12), Luke Fassino (9), Giselle Gasana (9), and Ajax Tompkins (9) represent the United Students Gender and Sexuality Alliance at Bloomington's Pridefest. "We just had a blast. We had such a good time," Arroyo said. *Photo courtesy of Robin Hamm*

LEADING CHANGE

Cougar Encounter attendees Lola Harding (9), Gwen Hickok (9), and Franny Blacketer (9) and Cougar Leaders Charlotte Buehler (10) and Sarah Carnegie (12) learn about Bring Change 2 Mind.

Photo by Kelton O'Connell

TEACHING PRIDE

GSA members Madz Bolstridge (10) and Sam Clarke (12) at Pridefest.

Photo courtesy of Madz Bolstridge



SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY

At a Science Olympiad practice, teammates Owen Elliot (9), Alan Chen (9), Nico Luther (9), Jerry Hu (9), Avi Danthi (9) and Rahi Kapadia (9) discuss their event. "I was reading the rules and discussing Geologic Mapping," Chen said.

Photo by Avy Perkins



Finding Inspiration What We Love About Clubs

"I like that Science Olympiad gives me an opportunity to work on my studying skills while being able to compete."

Lyla Lin (9)

"My favorite part about being a Cougar Leader is bonding with the freshmen and providing guidance."

Tessa Wimmer (10)

"I like that [Habitat for Humanity] is able to provide shelter to people who don't have it."

Hannah Fitzgerald (11)

"I just like the whole message about [Riley Dance Marathon], so I find it really inspiring."

Ana Iovino (9)

TYPING TORNADO

Cliff Shallcross (11) and Anna Petro (11) are working hard at a monthly meeting for Girls in Engineering (GEMS) club. "I definitely like the teamwork aspect of it," said Shallcross.

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SHINING BRIGHT

GEMS club members Madie Paull (11) and Sydney Garretson (11) are prepping for the Samsung Informatics Challenge. Another GEMS member Aqeela Balogun (10) said, "You have to come up with a [new] idea that is helpful for the environment." *Photo by Avy Perkins*



MAD SCIENTISTS

Teammates Ryan Li (10) and Aiden Kim (10) collaborate on the Science Olympiad team. "My favorite part is interacting with other students," Kim said. *Photo by Avy Perkins*

It's All About...

...the clubs you want to start.

"A bike riding club."
Luke Fassino (9)

"A club where people could collaborate to make comics and stories."
Esmé Artz (10)



SPREADING AWARENESS

Imagine walking into school on your first day, not knowing anybody. That should not last very long. From the very start of the school year, clubs at North have been striving to be as inclusive as possible.

For example, at Bloomington's Pridefest this year, the United Students Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA), one of many clubs at North, held a booth to inform the community about themselves, their goals, and their accomplishments. One instance of this is the annual Day of Silence, a nationwide, student-led demonstration to spread the word about bullying of LGBTQ+ youth.

Arthur Hahn (12), the president of GSA, said, "We're a safe and inclusive space, and we provide an opportunity for students to learn and talk about things that they don't get to talk about in their usual classes." Hahn joined GSA as a freshman to see what it was about and became a leader after having a good experience.

Another club, Bring Change 2 Mind

(BC2M) has been doing their best to be accessible and raise awareness about significant issues. They meet twice a month and promote mental health awareness and self-care, and members participate in community-building activities. Normally each meeting starts with a presentation about the topic of the month and a discussion before getting into an activity.

BC2M has hosted events in previous years like a Halloween party or karaoke party for the school to serve as fun and stress relief. This year, they have been planning more events and have worked to spread awareness to Tri-North Middle School by speaking to students about suicide prevention and mental health in their health classes.

"In the club a lot of people are pretty close, and we are open to anybody," said Lainey Wagner (12), a leader in the club. "We get a lot of different opinions, which is really great." She encourages anybody to join at any time to help make a positive difference at BHSN.

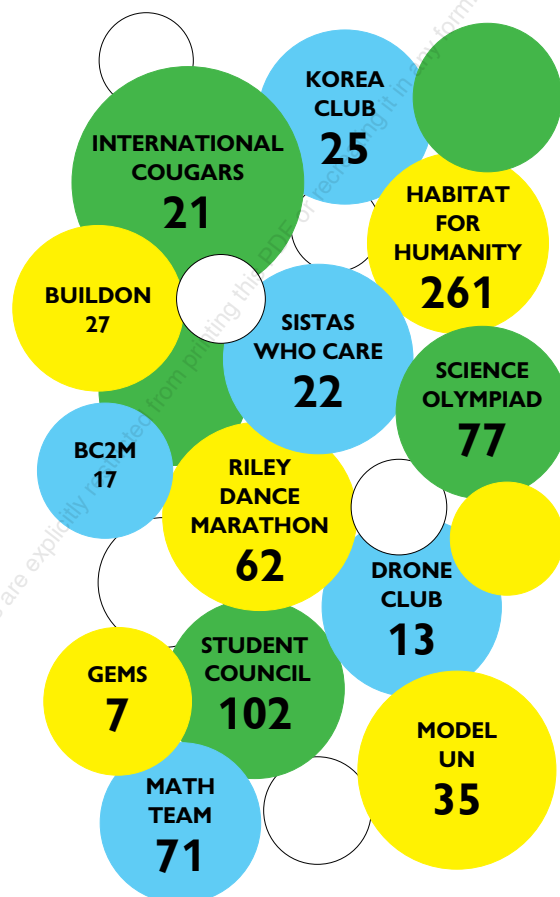
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"Maybe a Brawl Stars club."
Jackson Walker (10)

"A club based on science."
Irene Reji (11)

"A nail painting club."
Mrs. Suzanne Crites

What's Your Number? Number of Members in BHSN Clubs



MIC DROP

Neveah Johnson (11) gets ready to introduce a new game at the Cougar Encounter Freshman Orientation. "I got to MC, introducing the principals and staff and getting people hyped," she said. Photo by Kelton O'Connell



WELLNESS WARRIORS

Students Iain Phelps (11), Mari Lommel (12), Sloane Craig-Stake (12), Ava Birk (12) and Lainey Wagner (12) put together self-care packages for Bring Change 2 Mind club. Birk said, "We were customizing some self-care bags and putting things like fidgets and face masks in it." Photo courtesy of Ms. Jessica Richardson



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