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PRESERVING THE PAST AND ELEVATING STUDENT VOICE



I've partnered with RHS senior Joel Brock to help him with his Eagle Scout project. This project is the culmination of hard work and the highest ranking that a Scouting America member can achieve.

For his project, Joel has been working to <u>digitize the class composite photos</u> that used to hand in the high school cafeteria. He then shared those images with me and we've created a location on the high school website to serve as a digital archive of the seniors.

This project has had overwhelming support and excitement from the community as we've made the images available online. Likewise we had channel 20 visit to do a feature story about Joel's eagle project and how he is helping to preserve Rochester's heritage and Tradition of Excellence.

Likewise I am continuing this work to track down more of the class photos and ensure that this will be a resource for every Rochester graduate that they can visit and have access to.

Rochester's Legacy: Senior Class Archives



Since our last meeting I've teamed up with our school librarians and technology department the help with the district wide STEM activity. Students first viewed a film of principals reading the book *Iggy Peck Architect*. They then were given a half hour to use Q-tips and tape to build a bridge. Once constructed they would load their bridge with pennies until it failed.

It has been a wonderful partnership to bring STEM to every student in the district and to share the book with each one of them.

This collaboration has led to positive media coverage for the district, and help bring unity to students. We had several students who didn't want to participate at first but who then became a leading participant.

If you would like to view the video you can do so on the district Youtube page.

WAND News also joined us for the STEM activity at RIS and will be airing a special as part of their STEM Minute.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



One of Rochester High School's students was chosen to be the student highlighted in the <u>News Channel 20 Student Spotlight.</u>

Tucker Loy is a National Merit semifinalist for his PSAT score. He represents the top 1% of graduating seniors for his score and is the first semifinalist in several years. News Channel 20's Matt Bednar came out to interview Tucker and highlight his achievement.