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We were back in the Metra alternate location this morning for breakfast and Cavin's inaugural address as President Elect. This is the new location referred to on the survey that is getting sent out for a vote on permanent breakfast locations. We had another group of Central High Youth of the Year (YOY) students there to speak to us.

Guests

- The following students were our speakers: Ava DeBourg (here with father Mark DeBourg); Loree Reck (here with mother Krystell Reck); Erica Hellegaard; Brynn Bohrer; and Rob Lowe is here with Tony Parish.

Announcements

- Wiley announced another social event scheduled for a gathering at the 406 on March 19th, 2022, from 2-5pm.
- The Board will be sending out a survey on Google Forms as well as hard-copies for the tables at breakfast this morning to take a vote from the group on a permanent breakfast location for the club. There are three choices and we need to hear your voice! Check your emails for the survey-its three quick questions and a chance to give comments. If you don't vote, you don't get to complain about the choice!
- Start considering if you would like to run for a position within the club for the Foundation Board member (1 position) or Member of the Board (3 positions), or the coveted President Elect role coming in hot behind Cavin. The election will be in May, 2022, after nominations are announced in the preceding 4 weeks. Please consider stepping up and helping out.
- There are two pouring events at Metra that are on the website for sign-ups - Jeff Dunham on 3/23 and an Outlaw football game on 3/24.
- The committee list went around at breakfast for next fiscal year in the club. Please sign up and join in helping us operate our club committees. This is a large part of who we are as a club, and we need a lot of participation. Email anyone on the board if you are interested in joining a committee and you cannot make it to breakfast. Let's fill up the lists!

Speakers

Our Central High YOY students spoke to us on the topic options that we give to them each year but this year with an underlying COVID theme. These talks are not graded or scored as a part of our and National's scholarship awards but are rather just a way for us to get to know them and visa versa. The scholarship scoring is based on essays they ultimately write and present if they move on to the District level and then National level competition.

Ava DeBourg – spoke to us about maintaining her moral compass in this current climate. Ava referenced the great Montana author John Steinbeck, and mentioned how her MT roots are what grounds her moral compass in strength. She has learned that failure is inevitable but teaches us how to grow and move forward. Her grandparents own a ranch in MT and she learned hard work from them and identifies strongly as a Montana girl.

Erica Helegaard – spoke to us about how important participating in community service is in her life. She has attended Catholic school since preschool and as a result has always known and been a part of community service. Her earliest memory in services was making sandwiches. Also, she spends every summer with her youth group in a summer retreat and her favorite day each time is Community Service Day. She is required to put in at least 10 hours of community service per semester and finds value in it and how it has affected her life over the years.

Loree Reck – spoke about how Covid has changed her life. She spoke of the lockdowns, fear, time (a lot of it). She learned 3 things of significance during this time: 1)Don't take things for granted, 2)Fear, 3)it's a scary world but she's ultimately not in control. The hybrid learning style, contract tracing, and shift in teacher's perspectives for what they learn in class made a strong impression on her. She discussed how people ended up uniting through a screen as everyone learned how to do a Zoom call.

Brynn Bohrer – also spoke to us about how Covid changed her. Through the long journey the past two years, she learned about the value of spending time with people you love. School and time with family, her birthday in mid-April when she was not able to spend time with her closest friends impacted her greatly. Perhaps not as greatly as her grandparents in the assisted living community being locked down affected her and her family. They couldn't see her grandparents for a year and at one point had to ride their bikes to the facility and stood on 24th street and attempted to communicate up to their 3rd floor balcony window. They could only check in briefly. Her dad and mom had to work from home, she and her sister stayed in their rooms on virtual school, and she lost her sophomore softball season when it was canceled. Her overarching message is to spend time with the people you love.

****PLEASE NOTE:** There is a correction to the February Newsletter on the recognition page. The 3rd distinguished club member with 34 years in the club as of February 2022 is KEN RAUCH, not Lee Stadtmiller. I apologize for my mistake and ask for Ken's forgiveness. Please congratulate Ken on his 34 years of service to our club.**

Stacy Dressen said thank you for the grant!!

Have a great weekend!