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Students to be Honored for Achievements

*Members of the U-46 Blue Stars team excelled at
Special Olympics*

ELGIN - The School District U-46 Board of Education Monday will recognize three students for their achievements this summer in the Illinois Special Olympics.

The U-46 Blue Stars sent 13 students to the Summer Games of the Illinois Special Olympics, held in June at sites around Bloomington-Normal, and three returned with gold medals. The students qualified for the state competition by earning a first place in the regional competition of their sport.

Evelyn Diem, who started 10th grade this 2022-23 school year at Elgin High School, won 1st place in the standing long jump. Charles Hall, now an 8th grader at Kenyon Woods Middle School, placed first in the 50-meter run. Kaylie Behrens also placed first in the 50-meter run; she finished 12th grade last school year at Bartlett High School and started this month in the Secondary Work Experience Program (SWEP), part of the District's Specialized Student Services Department.

"Our U-46 Blue Stars are some of the hardest-working athletes I have ever met," said Brooke McGrath, an Instructional Special Education Teacher Leader in U-46 who also serves as the Blue Stars' coach and coordinator. "I couldn't be more proud of our athletes this track and field season. They have overcome a few hurdles these past several years, but they sure did persevere and give it their all!"



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The Board of Education will recognize the students with “Accent on Achievement” certificates at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 22, in room 140 of the Educational Services Center, 355 E. Chicago St., Elgin. The U-46 Board of Education meeting will also be streamed live on the District’s YouTube channel and be available for the public to participate via a Zoom webinar at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87559361287> as well.

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School District U-46 serves families in 11 communities: Bartlett, Elgin, Hanover Park, South Elgin, Streamwood and Wayne, as well as portions of Carol Stream, Hoffman Estates, St. Charles, Schaumburg, and West Chicago. In total, the District encompasses 90 square miles within the Fox River Valley, approximately 45 minutes west of downtown Chicago, and includes communities within Cook, DuPage and Kane counties. More than 35,000 preschoolers through 12 graders attend the 57 District schools and programs. To learn more, visit the U-46 [website](#), or like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#).