

COMMENDATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS
APRIL, 2018

Staff

Jennifer Kirk, Upper St. Clair High School counselor and curriculum leader, has been honored with the 2018 Chi Sigma Iota, Delta Upsilon Chapter Outstanding Site Supervisor Award from the Duquesne University Counseling Program. The award is given to a site supervisor who has taken numerous Duquesne students on as interns, and has provided exceptional supervision. Mrs. Kirk was recognized at the Chi Sigma Iota Induction ceremony on Thursday, April 19, 2018, at Duquesne University.

Congratulations are extended to Jerry Malarkey, high school counselor and varsity baseball head coach, for recently registering his 400th career victory. Jerry has coached baseball for thirty-four years and accumulated his 400th career win on opening day, March 23, when the Panthers defeated Valley, 6-1. Included in Jerry's 400 victories are nearly a dozen section titles and three appearances in WPIAL championship games.

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The Western Pennsylvania Odyssey of the Mind regional tournament was held Saturday, March 3, 2018, at Moon Area High School.

Six USC teams comprised of students from all building levels qualified to advance to the state competition on April 7 in the Poconos.

First Place:

Performance Problem - Division I (Boyce):

Eva Dubreil
Komel Nulwala
Michael Conte
Anushka Sharma
Pritika Gupta
George Abdel-Messih
Benjamin Ross

Technical Problem - Division I (Boyce):

Esha Lathia
Anastasia Gzikowski
Ben Murtough
Owen Mucho

Jake Casares
Ben Seewald
Peter Markovitz

Vehicle Problem - Division III (High School):

Christina Conte
Vivek Babu
Jacob Conte
Maggie Lowden
Isabella Putorti
Gracie Lowden

Second Place:

Classics Problem - Division III (High School):

Sammie Seewald
Max Murtough
Victoria Cuba
Brianna Lin
Joseph Markovitz
Eric Wang
Constantine Tripodes

Third Place:

Performance Problem - Division I (Streams & Eisenhower):

Ellie Simons
Geneva Eisinger
Lily Simons
Lauren Ginsburg
Kurt Baran
Collin Rosenberg

Classics Problem - Division II (Fort Couch):

Cameron Coller
Rosemary Ramirez
Josilyn Seftchick
Lindsay Ross
Jack Lowden
Cameron Weber
Mariam Abdel-Messih

Upper St. Clair has been named a 2018 NAMM Foundation Best Community for Music Education. The award recognizes the commitment and dedication of USC school administrators, School Board, teachers and parents who believe in music education and are working to ensure that it is part of a complete and well-rounded education for all children. The award highlights music education in USC, demonstrating that students can achieve at a very high level in both music and academics, and that each supports the other.

High School

The Speech & Debate Team finished second at the National Speech & Debate Association's qualifying tournament on March 10 at North Allegheny Senior High School.

Qualifying to compete at the National Speech & Debate Tournament June 17-22, in Fort Lauderdale were district champions Wyatt Keating and Shebl Rosati in Duo, and Dina Leyzarovich and Meghan Joon in Public Forum debate.

Alternates include Ethan Bowman in U.S. Extemporaneous; Charlize Goff and Sammy Levy in Program Oral Interpretation; Hashim Durrani in Drama; and Maddie Nolen in Humor; and the team of Anvi Kumar and Harshini Sakthivel in Public Forum.

Other finalists included the team of Jacob Lantzman and Steven Cheung in Public Forum; Hridhay Reddy in U.S Extemporaneous; Antara Cleetus in International Extemporaneous; and the teams of Yash Jajoo & Devan Ekbote and Claire Chen & Sunny Chai in Policy debate. In addition, High School Principal Dr. Louis Angelo was awarded the Pittsburgh District Principal of the Year for his role in supporting the Speech & Debate Team throughout the years.

Members of the Speech & Debate team also qualified to compete at the National Catholic Forensic League Grand National Tournament as a result of their performance at the qualifying tournament on March 3, 2018, at Fort Couch Middle School.

Amanda Ross

Abby Riemer

The team of Jacob Lantzman and Steven Cheung

The team of Yash Jajoo and Devan Ekbote

Daniel Speer

Paarth Shankar

Ethan Bowman

The team of Wyatt Keating and Shebl Rosati

The team of Anber Bhuiyan and Aya Dakroub

Charlize Goff

Bryce Keating

Joe Phillips

Shanthi Krishnaswamy

Alternates include:

Spencer Miller

The team of Anika Sinha and Mathena Jencka

The team of Sunny Chai and Claire Chen

Chand Vadalia

Hridhay Reddy

Neha Patel

The Pittsburgh Civic Orchestra presented the fourth concert of its 2017-2018 series on Saturday March 24, 2018 in the Upper St. Clair High School Theater.

The concert featured winners of the Young Artist Concerto Competition co-sponsored by the Pittsburgh Civic Orchestra and the Pennsylvania Music Teachers Greater Pittsburgh Chapter.

As one of the winners of this year's auditions, Christian Chiu, a freshman at Upper St. Clair High School, performed the first movement of Chopin's Piano Concerto No 2.

Congratulations are extended to the following Parkway West Career and Technology Center's 2018 National Technical Honor Society Inductees:

Lillian Caudill – Public Safety Technology

Daniel Jaffee – Information Technology Essentials

Upper St. Clair freshman, Josh Matheny claimed gold during the PIAA state championships held March 14-17 at Bucknell University. He achieved victory in the 100-yard breaststroke and became the first freshman since 2008 to win an individual state title at the Class AAA level. In the individual medley, Josh placed eighth overall and earned All-State acclaim.

Congratulations are extended to the following students that placed in the top ten at the FBLA state competition in Hershey. Nine USC teams placed in the top 10 in the state with 2 advancing to the National competition.

Business Calculations

Sam Ding

Business Ethics

Meghan Joon

Arushi Khaitan

Mallika Matharu

Business Plan

Olivia John

Methena Jencka

Anika Sinha

E-Business

Shashank Kokkula
Sid Pandya
Connor Ryan

Management Information Systems

Sam Berlin
Neha Patel
Grace Wagner

Introduction to Information Technology

Harrison Chui

Sports and Entertainment Management

Anvi Kumar
Krisha Monpara
Mary Wilding

Introduction to Business Presentation

Devan Ekbote
Dev Patel

Introduction to Business Procedures

Nisarg Kalra

Middle School

The NFPA Fluid Power Challenge is a competition that encourages middle school students to solve an engineering problem using fluid power and demonstrate their skills using hands on experience. The student teams design and build a fluid power mechanism that they will use to compete in a timed competition. While many students worked on the project at Fort Couch, Phillip Markovitz, Evan Sarkett, Matt Earley, Colin Eccher, Ritvik Shah, Evan Tefft, Isha Sinha, and Adam Zheng went to the competition to represent USC. With 32 teams competing, the USC team brought home both the 1st place overall trophy and the best teamwork trophy. Congratulations are extended to all of the students who worked on the project.