## COMMENDATIONS & RECOGNITIONS April 2022

## **HIGH SCHOOL**

Parkway West Career and Technology Center recently recognized SkillUSA District Winners. Upper St. Clair students awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place honors include Christopher Beaver, Electrical Construction Wiring and Braeden Roth, HVAC. SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce and serves more than 300,000 students and instructors annually. Students demonstrate their developing skills in regional, state-wide, and national competitions.

The following Upper St. Clair High School students made the Parkway West Career & Technology Center Director's List of Honor Students, 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2021-2022:

- Richard D. Folino, Auto Tech
- Jacob Townsend Lowe, Diesel Tech
- Cameron Paolicelli, Auto Tech
- Ayden Woods, Auto Tech
- Luca Afanador, CSNT
- Rachale Lyn Caskey, Vet Assistant
- Harley J. Clawson, HVAC
- Francis Funaro, CSNT
- Nicolas Gualtieri, CSNT
- William Johns, CSNT
- Nicholas Pantelidis, BCT
- Shane R. Ayoub, Auto Tech
- Christopher P Beaver, EST
- Aaron Gilbert, EST
- Michael Gualtieri, ATM
- Zachary D. Musser, BCT
- Braeden M. Roth, HVAC
- Gabriel N Tran, DMM
- Skyler Wenk, Auto Tech

Four Upper St. Clair High School students were among the top finishers at the Future Business Leaders of America State Leadership Conference – qualifying to compete at the national competition. The state event was held April 11-13, 2022, in Hershey.

The following Upper St. Clair students qualified for the FBLA National Leadership Conference, which is set for June 29-July2, 2022, in Chicago:

- Mahir Parmar, grade 10: First Place, Introduction to Business Procedures
- George Atencio, grade 12: Second Place, Business Management
- Grace Atencio, grade 10: Second Place, Business Management
- Evie Sullivan, grade 10: Second Place, Business Management

Upper St. Clair students in grades five through 12 earned high marks in the recent Pennsylvania Mathematics League contest. Upper St. Clair High School was the second highest scoring school among the 13 participating high schools in Allegheny County and placed fourth among the 96 participating schools in Pennsylvania. Jason Lu, Carter McClintock-Comeaux, Alex Sun, Sophie Chen and Yuhong Shi were recognized as high scoring students in the commonwealth.

Two Upper St. Clair High School students were recently invited to participate in the U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad. Sophomore Alex Sun and junior Sophia Song were nominated by the Pittsburgh Section of the American Chemical Society based on their performance on the local exam.

## **BOYCE AND FORT COUCH MIDDLE SCHOOLS**

Teams from Boyce and Fort Couch middle schools recently placed third at the Pennsylvania Odyssey of the Mind State Finals at Lock Haven University – advancing to the World Finals set for May 25-28, 2022, at Iowa State University.

Boyce team members include Elliot Sams, Jillian Torres, Ashwin Vasudevan, Nigel Bailey, Parker Sams and Daphne Collins, who was unable to attend the State Finals. This team is coached by Sarah Sams and Jake Collins.

Members of the third-place team from Fort Couch include Kurt Baran, Artie McCallum, Ayan Amin, Eden Elkoni, Lauren Ginsburg, Geneva Eisinger and Zahra Hossain. They are coached by Nate Eisinger and Artie Baran.

At the Pennsylvania Mathematics League contest, Boyce Middle School had 10 students that scored within the top 35 sixth-grade level scores, four of whom are fifth graders. Top scorers for Boyce include sixth graders John Whitman, Alan Anderson, Nathan Del, Joey Wyse, Aaron Jiang and Ahana Mendhi, as well as fifth graders Lyman Thomson, Seth Pedretti, Bernard Huang and Max Reyes. Five Fort Couch eighth graders rank among Pennsylvania's top 37 scores including Sara Gillespie, Sofia Alfredson Themudo, Tony Chen, Kaia Petrick and Luke An.