

COMMENDATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS
AUGUST, 2017

High School

A recent Upper St. Clair High School graduate, Jay Pollock, was named a 2016-17 Positive Athlete Award Winner during an event on Tuesday, June 13, 2017, at the Heinz History Center. Recognized for the sport of wrestling, Jay is one of 29 students from Western Pennsylvania who was honored by the organization for his character and leadership. The program, which is led by former Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver Hines Ward, celebrates athletes of high character who are a positive asset to their teams.

Three members of the Upper St. Clair High School class of 2017 have earned college-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards through the National Merit Scholarship Corporation and their respective universities. Awardees include:

Devon Dewey Garcia – University of Central Florida

Malcolm T. Miller – University of Maryland

Murphy S. Miller – Clemson University.

The National Merit Scholarship Program honors individual students who show exceptional academic ability and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

The Upper St. Clair High School Speech & Debate team recently earned the school's first ever Debate School of Excellence Award from the National Speech & Debate Association. The award recognizes the top 20 schools in total debate points from the 2017 National Tournament, which was held June 18-23, 2017, in Birmingham, Ala. In addition to the team's achievement, several students earned high honors. The team of Macey Kaplan and Arushi Kewalramani finished 10th in Public Forum Debate. They were one of four teams in the nation that went undefeated, 12-0, in six preliminary rounds. Macey and Arushi achieved the highest finish by any Upper St. Clair competitors at the NSDA Nationals.

Upper St. Clair High School sophomore, Harrison Burgess, was recently selected to the 17-member 2017-18 U.S. National Development Sled Hockey Team, which will compete in various national and international events as well as train with the U.S. National Sled Hockey Team during the 2017-18 season. At age 15, Harrison is the youngest member of the development team and one of only three new players.

The U.S. Paralympic Sled Hockey Team represents the United States at the Paralympic Winter Games. The event is held every four years directly following the Winter Olympic Games in the same city that hosts the Winter Olympics.

Boyce

Upper St. Clair sixth grader Keshav Narasimhan earned a silver medal for reaching the semifinals at the statewide 24 Challenge Tournament on June 14, 2017, in Harrisburg. The 24 Challenge is a math card game in which the objective is to find a way to manipulate four integers so that the end result is 24. In the sixth grade division, nearly 50 participants competed in two preliminary rounds, which included single, double digit and variable cards. The top 16 scorers, including Keshav, qualified for the semifinals.