

COMMENDATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

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HIGH SCHOOL

Upper St. Clair High School Student Council Sponsor Brooke Tarcson was recently named Pennsylvania Association of Student Council's Region B High School Advisor of the Year. The school's administrators credit Mrs. Tarcson with identifying opportunities for students to align their efforts with the Student Council's mission of "uniting voice, serving the community, and committing to progress."

Kelsey O'Leary, a rising Upper St. Clair High School senior, was recently selected as the Positive Athlete Award winner for girls' volleyball. The 2020 Western Pennsylvania Positive Athlete award winners were announced on July 6, 2020. Positive Athlete Pittsburgh was created as a movement to promote the benefits of positivity to student-athletes. According to the organization's website, "Positive Athlete is a celebration of young athletes who have overcome difficult circumstances, given back to their schools and communities in a significant way, or just have an infectious positive attitude that makes everyone around them a better person."

Eden Auslander and David Coyle, class of 2020 graduates were each awarded \$2,500 scholarships from the Woman's Club of Upper St. Clair. Each of the scholarship recipients has built an impressive résumé of scholastic achievement, participation in school activities and community service. Eden's list includes volunteering for the Miracle League of South Hills and Greater Pittsburgh Area Food Bank while attaining a 4.35 weighted grade point average taking numerous honors and Advanced Placement classes. Among other activities as a student, she participated in Upper St. Clair Leadership Academy and Future Business Leaders of America, served on the planning committee for Diversity Week and played on the girls soccer team. Eden also was founder and president of the high school's Students Demand Action for Gun Sense club. David Coyle was awarded his scholarship for earning Scouting's highest honor. His Eagle project took place at the Spiritan Center, a faith-based place for retreats and other activities in Bethel Park, where he cleared a 30 square-foot outdoor area and installed picnic benches. A member of the National Honor Society and Ultimate Frisbee team in high school, he is headed to Penn State's main campus to study biological engineering.

An Upper St. Clair High School sophomore, Rushikesh Kulkarni earned the school's highest finish ever at the NSDA National Speech & Debate Tournament, which concluded June 20, 2020. Kulkarni placed eighth nationally in the International Extemporaneous Speaking event – automatically qualifying to compete in next year's national tournament as a Semifinalist.