

## COMMENDATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

February 2021

### **HIGH SCHOOL**

Two Upper St. Clair High School seniors were named candidates in the 2021 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. Harrison Chui and Richa Mahajan were among the 4,500 selected to apply for the program from the 3.6 million high school seniors graduating this year. Candidates are identified for the program by scoring exceptionally well on either the SAT or ACT exam. To be considered further, candidates must submit candidacy materials, including essays, self-assessments, secondary school reports, and transcripts. Candidates are evaluated on their academic achievement, personal characteristics, leadership and service activities, and an analysis of their essay.

Eleven Upper St. Clair High School seniors were recently named Finalists in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program:

Richard A. Carlson

Christian G. Chiu

Harrison L. Chui

Donovan P. Kohler

Richa N. Mahajan

Shay A. McDowell

Samantha E. Seewald

Ishaan N. Shah

Sophia Shi

Constantine S. Tripodes

Jason D. Zhang

The Finalists were selected on the basis of their SAT scores, grades, essays and letters of recommendation.

### **FORT COUCH**

Three Fort Couch Middle School students tied for first place in the virtual CalcuSolve competition on Jan. 26, 2021. Eighth graders Jamie Barrett, Eitan Schwartz and Yuhong Shi earned perfect scores in the individual competition. In team competition, the Fort Couch team of Jamie, Eitan, Yuhong and seventh grader Jeffery Zhang finished second among 35 teams from throughout western Pennsylvania.

A team of Fort Couch Middle School students earned three awards and placed third overall in the Pittsburgh Regional Future City Competition on Saturday, Feb. 13, 2021. The team – represented by eighth graders Rohan Mehta, Opal Miller, and Sophia Whitman – was recognized for Excellence in Systems Integration; Most Innovative Design of Infrastructures; and Mission Possible: Positively Impacting the Community. The Future City Competition challenges students to design a city that may exist 100 years in the future. This year's challenge, Living on the Moon, asked teams to design a futuristic lunar city and provide examples of how the city uses two Moon resources to keep its residents safe and healthy.