

COMMENDATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

February 2023

HIGH SCHOOL

Nathaniel Grabowski was recognized as Parkway West Career & Technology Center Student of the Month for January 2023. Nathaniel is a Junior in the Power Motor Sports Program. He is a member of the SkillsUSA organization and a Student Ambassador for his Program. At USCHS Nathan is the Vice-President of the Upper St. Clair Saving Animals Club where they are partnering with South Hills Pet Rescue collecting food for their rescued animals.

Four Upper St. Clair High School seniors were recently named candidates in the 2023 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education. Carter L. Chui, Jasmine F. Dietiker, Matthew Earley and Jason Lu were selected for their outstanding performance on the SAT or ACT exam. They are among 198 Pennsylvania students to earn this honor.

Two Upper St. Clair High School students are among the 18 Under Eighteen honorees for 2023. Junior Isaac Bernstein and sophomore Kriti Gupta were recognized at the Junior Achievement of Western Pennsylvania (JA) celebratory event on Saturday, Feb. 7, 2023, at Acrisure Stadium. Nominees were evaluated in the following categories: leadership, community service, entrepreneurial spirit, extraordinary skill sets, and any talent or intangible qualities that contribute to the nominee's road to success. Isaac's big dream is to eliminate food insecurity. Kriti Gupta is committed to improving youth education for underserved and underfunded communities.

Four Upper St. Clair High School musicians were selected through competitive audition to participate in the PMEA Region 1 Band in March. Musicians include senior Ben Wasson, trombone; as well as juniors Isaac Bernstein, percussion; Gabe Pacella, trumpet; and Lauren Tenney, clarinet.

BOYCE AND FORT COUCH MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Eleven Upper St. Clair middle school students earned perfect scores – placing first – in the annual CalcuSolve competition, sponsored by the Allegheny Intermediate Unit. This year's CalcuSolve events brought together more than 200 seventh and eighth grade students and over 300 fifth and sixth graders from Allegheny County. Earning perfect scores from Fort Couch Middle School were eighth graders Emma Eannarino and Jonah Zahalsky, along with seventh graders Hope Waldron, Raana Parchuri, and John Whitman. Six Boyce students earned perfect scores, including sixth graders Claire Dietiker, Bernard Huang, Will Kreizenbeck, Owen Maher, Avik Pandey and Lyman Thomson.

A team of Fort Couch Middle School students finished second among 35 teams in the annual America Bowl history competition. The team included eighth graders Josh Beitler, Rohan Inampudi and Callum Pollock as well as seventh grader Malo Dubreil. The event, held Feb. 15, 2023, was organized by the Baldwin-Whitehall School District. The America Bowl challenged students in grades 3-5 and 6-8 to answer both team and individual questions within six categories – Pittsburgh History, States, Presidents, Things to See in America, Early America, and Government.

For the second year in a row, Boyce Middle School student Arjun Kairi placed first in the Crescendo International Music Competition. Arjun, a sixth grader, delivered his award-winning flute performance on Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023, at New York City's Carnegie Hall. The Crescendo International Music Competition is open to students ages 5-22. The first round of the competition includes a live or video recording evaluation. Successful candidates are invited to perform in the second round at recitals in New York City; Toronto; Philadelphia; Rockport, Mass.; and Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich. Competition diplomas are issued following the second round.