## COMMENDATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS JANUARY, 2018

## **Boyce**

Christy Mikolaj, a special education teacher at Boyce Middle School, was recently honored with two awards from the Educational Leadership program at Duquesne University. A doctoral candidate, Ms. Mikolaj was awarded the Horton Coe Southworth Award and Scholarship as well as the Mind, Heart, and Spirit of Educational Leadership Award.

As one of this year's recipients Ms. Mikolaj received a plaque and a check that she can use to purchase books on leadership for her own professional development.

## **High School**

Congratulations are extended to the following Parkway West Career & Technology Center Director's List of Honor Students for the first quarter of the 2017-2018 school year:

Gabrielle Caudill Cosmetology
Lillian Caudill Public Safety
Alex Gillespie Public Safety

Lucas Gillespie BCT Daniel Jaffee ITE

Anna Perry Digital Multimedia

Khierra Stewart Cosmetology

Upper St. Clair High School was recently named one of only 25 schools nationwide to be selected as a national model of Innovative Successful Practices by the Successful Practices Network and AASA, The School Superintendents Association.

As part of this process, SPN conducted a two-day site visit to see Upper St. Clair High School's work first hand. The goal of the site visit was to provide SPN a greater understanding of Upper St. Clair's programs, students served and innovative approach to student learning.

Based on this information SPN will produce a case study highlighting Upper St. Clair High School including challenges faced, innovative approaches implemented and the impact of that work on student learning and achievement. The case studies of all 25 schools will be disseminated nationally by both SPN and AASA as models and inspiration for other schools and districts.