

COMMENDATIONS & RECOGNITIONS JUNE 2019

BOYCE

A team of 5th graders, named the Wildwoods, finished second at the Allegheny County 2019 Junior Envirothon held May 17th at South Park. The Junior Envirothon was created to help increase knowledge and interest in the county and state Envirothon competitions that are held at the high school level.

Team members included:

Sara Gillespie

Ayan Amin

Tony Chen

Lylah Kateeb

Benjamin Whiteford

FORT COUCH

Mahesh Lakshminarayanan placed first in the Alice Challenge, Middle School Good Neighbor category. The Alice Challenge is a computer programming competition for students in grades 6-12. Winners of each category will be recognized at the Finalists Showcase and award ceremony on June 12th at Carnegie Mellon University.

The Fort Couch Middle School Symphonic winds and jazz bands earned top honors at the Music in the Parks Festival held May 31-June 1st at Hershey Park. In addition to both bands earning first place in the concert band and jazz ensemble categories, they also received the Hershey Park Esprit de Corps Award.

HIGH SCHOOL

Nicholas Atland earned fourth place honors in the annual Congressional Art Competition, sponsored by the Congressional Arts Caucus of the United States House of Representatives. Nicholas was recognized for his photograph, titled "Over the Mon." Nicholas will have his award-winning photo displayed in Congressman Doyle's Bethel Park office.

Paarth Shankar placed 14th in Extemporaneous Speaking at the National Catholic Forensic League Grand National Tournament held May 25-26th in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Next, the team is in the National Speech and Debate Association National Tournament, which is set for June 16-21st in Dallas, Texas.

Reese Benonis has earned a college-sponsored Merit Scholarship. Reese has been selected to receive the National Merit University of Alabama Scholarship. Reese, who will attend the University of Alabama this fall, plans to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering. Only finalists who plan to attend a college or university that sponsors Merit Scholarship awards can be considered for one. Winners are selected by officials of the sponsoring college or university. Students enter the scholarship competition by completing the PSAT, the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, during their junior year.

Upper St. Clair High School administrators recognized five outstanding students with May 2019 Deans' Awards. The awardees and the teachers who nominated them were honored at a special breakfast on June 5th.

Awardees include:

Shane Bowman

Jordan Holleran

Mariah Kramer

Olivia Noto

Judy Wang