

COMMENDATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS
JUNE, 2017

High School

Congratulations are extended to the following students for being chosen to the Parkway West Career & Technology Center's Director's List of Honor Students for the 3rd quarter of the 2016-17 school year:

Lillian Caudill – Public Safety
Anna Perry – Digital Multimedia
Julie Swiech – Veterinary Tech.
Peyton White – Veterinary Tech.
Lauren Wolfe – Veterinary Tech.

Upper St. Clair High School senior Paul Abrams has been named a National Merit Bayer Scholarship recipient. The scholarship, sponsored by Bayer USA Foundation, provides an annual award of \$2,000 for up to four years of undergraduate study. According to the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, "The National Merit Scholarship Program honors individual students who show exceptional academic ability and potential for success in rigorous college studies." Paul, who will be attending Brown University in Providence, R.I., is one of approximately 1,000 corporate-sponsored National Merit award recipients.

Congratulations are extended to High School juniors, James Boston (Bass) and Alexa Drecnik (Flute) on being accepted into the Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra, Pittsburgh's premier youth orchestra. The PYSO is comprised of approximately 90 to 100 musicians, who range in age from 14 to 20. Members are accepted through a highly competitive annual audition and participate in concerts at Heinz Hall, Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall, Carnegie Music Hall and various outreach locations.

Congratulations are extended to Upper St. Clair High School senior Aditi Chattopadhyay. Her paper titled, "Demonstration Study: A Protocol to Combine Online Tools and Databases for Identifying Potentially Repurposable Drugs," was published on MDPI.com, a platform for peer-reviewed, scientific open-access journals.

The paper was written as a follow up to her Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science project, completed during her junior year. Aditi will attend Carnegie Mellon University, School of Computer Science this fall.

Upper St. Clair High School senior Tyler Besselman was recently awarded a National Security Language Initiative for Youth scholarship for 2017-18. Tyler will study at the Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages in Taiwan, from August 2017 through June 2018. While in Taiwan, Tyler will reside with a Taiwanese host family and will participate in intensive Mandarin Chinese instruction, one-on-one Chinese tutoring, four hours of elective university courses as well as monthly cultural activities and excursions.

The women's varsity 2X team of senior Osa Wheeler and junior Maddie McConaghy advanced to nationals after earning a bronze medal at the MidWest Scholastic Rowing Championship May 13-14, 2017 at Dillon Lake in Ohio. The 2017 Scholastic Rowing Association of America National Regatta was held on May 26-27 on the Cooper River in Camden, NJ.

Congratulations are extended to two Upper St. Clair High School seniors who finished among the top 10 in the nation in the National Catholic Forensic League Grand Nationals May 27-28 in Louisville, Ky. Raahema Durrani earned a spot in the National Final Round of the Lincoln Douglas Debate, finishing second on a 3-2 decision – one ballot from a National Championship. Erik Warmbein was a semifinalist in Dramatic Performance – finishing seventh in the nation.

Upper St. Clair High School senior Harvey Kane recently became the most decorated long jumper in school history. Harvey won the PIAA Class 3A Long Jump Championship with a mark of 23 feet, 0.5 inch on May 27, 2017, at Shippensburg University. This achievement gives Harvey two state championships for long jump this academic year. On June 7, 2017, Harvey was named to the Boys' All-State Second Team by the Pennsylvania Track & Field Coaches Association. He plans to continue his academic and athletic career at Duquesne University.

Congratulations to the Upper St Clair Girls Lacrosse Team players that have received honors and recognition during the 2017 season.

Senior Lauren Piecknick was selected for the 2017 WPIAL 3A All-Star Team. This marks Lauren's second year receiving this honor.

Senior Lauren Piecknick, Junior Emily Megonnell and Sophomore Caroline Hendrix were selected for the 2017 Class 3A Section 1 All-Stars.

Junior Emily Megonnell, and Sophomores Olivia Gerlach, Lindsay Newton, and Hannah Thompson were selected as All-Americans to the US Lacrosse Western PA National Team. They traveled to Yale University over the Memorial Day weekend to compete against other elite regional teams from across the country.

Sophomore Aria Dietrich was selected as a Brine All-American for the Pennsylvania team. She will travel to Richmond Virginia in July to compete against teams from across the country at the Brine National Lacrosse Classic.

Congratulations are extended to high school junior, Kevin Kwok and senior, Liam Gibbons for capturing the WPIAL Class 3A doubles title on May 12 at Club Sport and Health in Monroeville. Kevin and Liam pulled out a 7-6, 6-4 victory to give the Panthers their first WPIAL doubles title since 2007.

Upper St. Clair High School Senior, Carly DeCock, has been awarded the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District 1 Scholarship of \$1,000. The award, given to a PMEA District 1 Senior who has participated in PMEA Festivals and has definite plans for a career in music education or music-related field, is based on music achievement and academic excellence. Carly plans to major in Music Education with a concentration in Voice at Baldwin Wallace Conservatory of Music.

Ft. Couch

A team of eighth graders from Upper St. Clair's Fort Couch Middle School finished fourth overall and first in long-term performance at the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals May 24-27 at Michigan State University. The USC team competed in a division with 71 teams representing 29 states and nine countries.

The Fort Couch World Finals team is comprised of eighth graders Victoria Cuba, Brianna Lin, Joseph Markovitz, Max Murtough, Sammie Seewald, Constantine Tripodes and Eric Wang. This marks the second year in a row that this OM team has advanced to the World Finals.

Ft. Couch/Boyce

Sixth grader Keshav Narasimhan and seventh grader Daniel Wang advanced to the statewide 24 Challenge competition for their performance at the regional competition on May 11, 2017, at the Allegheny Intermediate Unit.

Keshav finished first in the sixth grade division and Daniel took first place in the 7/8 division. At the Pennsylvania State 24 Challenge Math Tournament, Keshav and Daniel will compete against the top finishers from more than 20 intermediate units from throughout the commonwealth.

Boyce

A team of Boyce students recently was named to the National Math Olympiad Honor Roll for scoring in the top 10 percent among 3,154 teams from 44 countries in the International Mathematical Olympiads for Elementary and Middle School program.

Phillip Markovitz's perfect score netted him the Dr. George Lenchner Award, which was

bestowed to only 71 sixth-graders out of 77,774 students in his division. He also won a gold pin for scoring in the top two percent of all registered students.

Other Boyce sixth-grade gold pin winners were, Alex Todd, Ben Wasson, Quinton Miller, Keshav Narasimhan and Evan Sarkett as well as fifth graders Brian McFerran, Lucas Bishop and Leona Chen.

Fifteen Boyce students won silver pins for scoring among the top 10 percent, including: sixth graders Rebecca Lang, Carter McClintock-Comeaux, Sahil Bhalodia, Maya Leyzarovich, John Scherer, Jasmine Dietiker, Carter Chui, Matthew Earley, Colin Liang and Mariah Ranier as well as fifth graders Libby Eannarino, Alex Sun, Mahir Parmar and Arya Patel.

Fifth grader Shiven Verma recently earned the top score among 80 Boyce Middle School students participating in the Pennsylvania Mathematics League competition.

Two students tied for second place – Marco Carone and Rachel Thomas. In a three-way tie for third place are Roshan Segall, Ben Leggat and Emily Wetterau.

Earning honorable mention are Jacob Artnak, Tanav Dandekar, Kate Falce, Matthew Fibbi, Leo Masse, Sreeja Meda, Luke Ralyea, Daniel Seewald, Lauren Teeney and Ananya Tripathi.