

COMMENDATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

June 2020

HIGH SCHOOL

Seven Upper St. Clair High School students were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society on Friday, May 15, 2020. The students are enrolled in programs at Parkway West Career & Technology Center. Inductees include senior Lucas Gillespie; juniors Gabrielle Caudill, Ethan Hanson and Madison Jordan; as well as sophomores Ariana Braugher, Michael Gualtieri and Sten Wheeler.

A team of Upper St. Clair High School juniors placed first in the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals. The team – comprised of Victoria Cuba, Brianna Lin, Joseph Markovitz, Max Murtough, Sammie Seewald, Constantine Tripodes and Eric Wang – took top honors among 36 teams in the Division 3, performance problem. The students were coached by Laura Murtough, Stacey Seewald and Meridith Markovitz.

Upper St. Clair High School recent graduate, Braden Yates, was recently awarded a National Merit Scholarship. This scholarship award deems Braden as one of the 2,500 brightest students in America. To achieve this distinguished award Braden recorded a 1490 score out of 1520 on the PSAT test as a Sophomore. He scored a perfect 800 on the math portion of the SAT with another 800 for physics, and 36 out of 36 on the ACT. National Merit Scholarship winners must also submit an essay as part of the selection process. Braden's essay was about his involvement in the SHOP@USC. Braden will attend Carnegie Mellon University in the Fall and major in mathematics.

STREAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A Streams Elementary first grader is one of 27 finalists in the 2020 WQED Writers Contest. Seven-year-old Sarah Sakowitz's story, "The Girl with the Most Beautiful Smile," was selected from among nearly 1,000 entries from throughout Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Maryland and Delaware.