

COMMENDATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS
MAY, 2016

Staff

Congratulations are extended to Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Patrick O'Toole for being selected to receive the 2016 Clairion Distinguished Alumni Award. "Established in 1966, this award recognizes alumni who, over an extended period of time and/or through a singular achievement, have achieved exemplary success in their own field, extraordinary service to Clarion, their community, state, nation or all of humanity. Dr. O'Toole will receive his award at a ceremony on the Clarion University campus on June 3rd.

High School

Congratulations are extended to the following students for being named to the Parkway West Career & Technology Center Director's List of Honor Students for the third quarter of the 2015 - 2016 school year:

Mary Molitoris	(Cosmetology III)
Alyssa Perry	(Health Assistant II)
Julie Swiech	(Veterinary Asst. I)
Rebecca Swiech	(Culinary Arts I)

Congratulations to High School Juniors Heaven Knight, Alex Beynon, and Marius Rosu, winners of the 2016 Cultural Communications Alliance's Marketing Competition held at the University of Pittsburgh on May 5th. This year's challenge was to prepare a marketing strategy in Taiwan for a software program that measures radiation doses in hospitals. The Cultural Communications Alliance (CCA) works with Pittsburgh area high school teachers to introduce international business concepts to their students using an international case competition. In order to compete, students must be enrolled in a World Language taught at the high school level. The USCHS team was supervised by Deanna Baird, High School German Teacher, Joanna Darakos and Kate Speer, High School Spanish Teachers, and Amanda Haas, High School Math Teacher.

High School senior Yein Christina Park has been named a National Merit \$2,500 Scholarship recipient – one of only 2,500 in the country. Students entered the scholarship competition by completing the PSAT, the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, during their junior year. Christina will be attending Harvard University this fall and plans to double major in microbiology and math. She hopes to eventually become a research professor at a university.

Boyce/Ft. Couch

Both Boyce and Fort Couch conducted school-wide championships to determine the students who would compete in the South Hills 24 Challenge held on May 4, 2016. After two rounds, seven Upper St. Clair players were in the top 13 overall. Final results are as follows:

Platinum Winner: Braden Yates

7th/8th Grade:

1st Place-Devan Ekbote

2nd Place – Christian Chiu

4th Place – Jay Vakil

6th Grade:

1st Place - Daniel Wang

4th Place – Danny Martin

5th Grade:

2nd Place – Qadir Khan

Boyce

Congratulations to the 24 ‘Mathletes’ that comprise the Grade 6 Boyce Math Olympiad Club. Math Olympiad is an international organization with over 120,000 students participating in 31 countries. The Boyce Middle School Grade 6 Club is one of 5,000 teams competing in the USA.

A Breakfast Banquet/Award Ceremony was hosted at Boyce Middle School on May 4th, 2016 to recognize the outstanding effort of each of the team members.

Milan Giroux won a gold pin for attaining the 98th percentile (top 2%) in the country. In addition, he received recognition for the highest accumulated contest score in the Boyce Club.

Delanyie McMillan and Nitish Sharma came in second within the club and each won a silver pin for scoring in the top 10% in the country.

Eighty 5th grade students signed up to participate in the annual Fifth Grade Mathematics Contest sponsored by the national organization, Mathematics Leagues, Inc. Following are the students who had the highest scores on their teams, as well as those students who placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall.

Team Comet

1st Place (tie): Lauren Starr and Evan Grady

2nd Place: Andrew Xu

Team Challenger

1st Place (4-way tie): Ethan Anderson, Noah Gordley, Qadir Khan and Ipsita Singh

Team Eagle

1st Place: Ben Wasson

2nd Place (tie): Owen Damon and Nico Roth

3rd Place: Debbie Chu

Team Galaxy

1st Place: Chase Neponuceno

2nd Place (tie): Tyler Riemer and Abby Weber

3rd Place: Ryley Carness

Overall Boyce Champs

1st Place: Chase Neponuceno

2nd Place: Ben Wasson

3rd Place (tie): Tyler Riemer and Abby Weber