

COMMENDATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

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HIGH SCHOOL

A group of Upper St. Clair High School students is helping to make sure other kids throughout the nation have access to meals while schools remain closed. Sophomores Lauren Glassbrenner, Ammar Kethavath, Sam Scalzo, Victoria Semenov and Isaac Yap are hoping to raise more than \$700 through an online T-shirt sale. “We chose No Kid Hungry as our nonprofit since it is a national organization and they are able to distribute resources as they deem necessary,” Victoria said. “It is also a worthwhile cause, since COVID-19 has disrupted many aspects of our day-to-day lives, particularly providing the millions of meals that 22 million school children rely on every day.”

A team of Upper St. Clair High School juniors recently earned Honorable Mention recognition in the 2020 MathWorks Math Modeling (M3) Challenge. Christian Chiu, Harrison Chui, Jack Myers and Sophia Shi will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to be split equally. More than 3,500 students — working in 760 teams — participated in the challenge. Upper St. Clair High School was one of 50 teams from Pennsylvania that competed this year and one of only two Pennsylvania schools to earn recognition.

An Upper St. Clair High School junior recently placed third in the Three Rivers German Day competition hosted by Washington & Jefferson College. Diana Fernandez Medina was awarded an Amazon gift card for her drawing of the Neuschwanstein Castle in Germany. Hosted by Washington & Jefferson College, Three Rivers German Day is an annual competition for high school students from throughout the Pittsburgh region. Students compete in a variety of categories including German fiction and non-fiction writing, German-themed arts and crafts, poetry recitation, music and drama presentations, and a German cultural quiz bowl.

BOYCE

Poems from 14 Boyce Middle School sixth graders were recently selected for publication in the 2020 Creative Communication poetry contest. Published poets included Sofia Alfredson-Themudo, Ayan Amin, Tony Chen, Noshi Dabas, Isabella Donnelly, Sara Gillespie, Leo Goodworth, Pritika Gupta, Joanna Jalali, Lylah Kateeb, Madeline Moran, Ellie Simons, Ben Whiteford and William Whitman. “Creative Communication is devoted to the promotion of writing, teaching and appreciation of student writing. The intent of our student writing contests is to motivate student writers. The top entries are published in an anthology that will record the creative insights of today's student writers.”

STREAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Lauren Bogus, a second-grade teacher at Streams Elementary, was recently selected as a 2020 All-Star Teacher by the Pittsburgh Pirates. She is one of 18 teachers selected for this honor. The All-Star Teachers Program recognizes area educators for their exceptional classroom efforts and positive impact on students. This recognition is dedicated to honoring teachers who are making a significant difference in the lives of students across the region by providing engaging instruction and curriculum, encouraging lifelong learning, and inspiring a passion for education beyond the classroom.