

COMMENDATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

May 2022

HIGH SCHOOL

A team of Upper St. Clair High School students recently placed second in the Cultural Communications Alliance (CCA) Marketing Competition. Team members include juniors Phillip Markovitz, Priyanka Palayekar and Ben Wasson, as well as sophomore Susan Liu. The event was held May 3, 2022, at the University of Pittsburgh's Katz School of Business.

Two Upper St. Clair High School sophomores recently placed first and third in the 2022 Midwest High School Chinese Speech Contest. Both students earned Excellent Chinese Learner Awards – Theeya Chen won first place in Heritage Level and Will Manning placed third in Level 3.

Five Upper St. Clair High School students were recently selected to participate in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association's District 1 Junior High Chorus Festival. Freshmen Elliott Bruno, Eli Rankin, Eitan Schwartz, Ben Seewald and John Tripodes represented Upper St. Clair during the two-day event.

BOYCE AND FORT COUCH MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Zach Breneman, a fifth grader at Boyce Middle School, has been selected to play for Team Pennsylvania this summer in The Brick, an invitational ice hockey tournament in Edmonton, Alberta. Zach, who will play left wing, was selected after a series of tryouts.

A team of eighth graders from Fort Couch Middle School placed first in the Future Problem Solving State Finals – qualifying to compete at the international competition June 8-12, 2022, at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Team members include Sofia Alfredson-Themudo, Anoushka Barve, Sara Gillespie and Kaia Petrick.

A Fort Couch Middle School student is now a two-time published poet. A poem by seventh grader Erin Wells was recently selected for publication in the Creative Communication Poetic Power Contest. This marks the second time this year that Erin has achieved this honor. Erin's poem, "Coastal Whispers," will be included in the organization's anthology, "A Celebration of Poets."

At the Pennsylvania Mathematics League contest, Boyce Middle School had 10 students that scored within the top 35 sixth-grade level scores, four of whom are fifth graders. Top scorers for Boyce include sixth graders John Whitman, Alan Anderson, Nathan Del, Joey Wyse, Aaron Jiang and Ahana Mendhi, as well as fifth graders Lyman Thomson, Seth Pedretti, Bernard Huang and Max Reyes. Five Fort Couch eighth graders rank among Pennsylvania's top 37 scores including Sara Gillespie, Sofia Alfredson Themudo, Tony Chen, Kaia Petrick and Luke An.

BAKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A fourth grader from Baker Elementary School can add published poet to her list of achievements. Kriti Kulkarni's poem titled, "Pencil vs. Pen," was selected for publication in the Creative Communication spring poetry contest. Kriti, a student in Mrs. Kelsey O'Leary's classroom, will have her poem included in the book, "A Celebration of Poets."