

## COMMENDATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

November 2021

### **HIGH SCHOOL**

Four Upper St. Clair High School students performed with the Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra on Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021. The free concert began at 7:30 p.m. at Heinz Hall in Pittsburgh. Participating USCHS musicians include seniors Sophie Chen and Phoebe Chen, as well as juniors Eleanor Alford and Rebecca Lang.

Upper St. Clair High School junior Kayla Lumish was recently honored with the 2020 Junior Volunteer Award from the United States Tennis Association Middle States, Allegheny Mountain District. According to the USTA website, the award recognizes “an individual who has made valuable contributions to the growth of tennis in Middle States by working as a volunteer at the district and/or section level. This person has demonstrated a passion in giving back to their community or school.”

For the second year in a row, Upper St. Clair High School’s Speech & Debate team was named one of the Top 100 schools in the National Speech & Debate Association. In the 2020-21 school year, Upper St. Clair ranked 38 out of more than 3,000 schools nationwide – up from 50 in 2019-20.

### **BOYCE**

Mira Murthy, a Boyce Middle School fifth grader recently placed second in the nation in the 2021 National Chemistry Week Illustrated Poem Contest, sponsored by the American Chemical Society. Mira qualified for the national competition by earning first place at the regional competition, sponsored by the Pittsburgh Section of the American Chemical Society. Mira’s poem is titled “Elephant’s Toothpaste” and can be viewed on the District website.