

## Commendations and Recognitions

October, 2016

### **Staff**

Dr. John Rozzo was recently honored with the 2016 Leadership and Service Award from The Pennsylvania State University College of Education. He was recognized at the College of Education Alumni Society's Awards Banquet on Oct. 14, 2016, at the Nittany Lion Inn in State College.

According to the College of Education, the Leadership and Service Award recognizes those alumni who have distinguished themselves in their chosen profession, in or out of the field of education.

High School teacher, Laura Moeller, has been selected for the University of Chicago's Outstanding Educator Award. This distinguished award is presented to an "educator who has influenced and challenged students along the path toward intellectual growth". Gaurav Bhushan, a former USC student and University of Chicago freshman nominated Ms. Moeller for the award.

### **High School**

Eight members of the Upper St. Clair High School choral program have been selected to participate in the 2016 PMEA District 1 Honors Choir festival. The festival will take place at Westminster Presbyterian Church on October 28-29, concluding with a public concert. Upper St. Clair High School choral director Lorraine Milovac is co-hosting this year's festival.

The following students have been selected for participation:

#### Seniors

Mackenzie Damon – Alto 1

Devon Garcia – Alto 2

Patrick Glover – Tenor 2

#### Juniors

Jonah Glunt and Josiah Ackerman – Tenor 1

Grant Warmbein – Tenor 2  
Andrew Rauber and Jack Smith – Bass 2

Congratulations to the seven High School Band students and 2 High School Orchestra students who auditioned and won places in the 2016 PMEA District 1 Honors Band.

Alexa Drecnik (Flute)  
Meghan Johnson (Clarinet)  
Olivia DeLeo (Clarinet)  
James Boston (Trumpet)  
Shebl Rosati (Trombone)  
Matt Higgs (Percussion)  
Justin Dreyer (Percussion)

Congratulations are also extended to James Boston (Bass) and Mallika Matharu (Cello) who earned places in the 2016 PMEA Honors Orchestra.

Congratulations to the following Commended Students in the 2017 National Merit Program:

Thomas Bednarz  
Michael Besser  
Amatheon Bohan  
Michael Camburn  
Mackenzie Damon  
Raahema Durrani  
Aaron Fultineer  
Abigail Happ  
Philip Hoffman  
Shayan Jalali  
Yash Lahoti  
Allie Ryave  
Yang Zhang

Upper St. Clair High School senior Jack O'Leary tied for sixth place at the WPIAL Class AAA championships on Oct. 4, 2016, at Oakmont Country Club. He shot five over par, 76, for the day.

The top 14 players from the WPIAL Class AAA – including Jack – qualified for the Western PIAA individual qualifying round on Monday, Oct. 17 at Tom's Run Golf Course at Chestnut Ridge Golf Resort in Blairsville.

In June, Jack was named one of 28 Positive Athlete Award winners from throughout Western Pennsylvania, receiving a \$500 scholarship.