

COMMENDATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS  
OCTOBER, 2017

**Staff**

Retired Upper St. Clair High School World Languages Curriculum Leader Deanna Baird was recently honored with the W. LaMarr Kopp Lifetime Achievement Award by the Pennsylvania Council for International Education.

Awarded annually at PACIE's conference, the Kopp Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes an individual in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who has demonstrated longstanding excellence, commitment and leadership in the field of international education.

Ms. Baird, who retired from Upper St. Clair School District in 2016, received this recognition at the joint conference of the Pennsylvania State Modern Language Association and the Pennsylvania Council for International Education, which was held Oct. 5-7 in Hershey.

**High School**

Five Upper St. Clair High School students earned perfect scores on the 2017 ACT. Seniors Kevin Chen, Steven Cheung, Michael Hrehocik and Abigail Wagner as well as junior Dina Leyzarovich are among less than one-tenth of one percent of ACT test takers earning the top composite score of 36. The ACT consists of tests in English, mathematics, reading and science. Each test is scored on a scale of 1–36, and a student's composite score is the average of the four test scores.

Upper St. Clair High School senior Wyatt Keating has been recognized as a National Hispanic Scholar by the College Board for scoring in the top 2.5 percent among Hispanic and Latino PSAT test takers in the region. The College Board's National Hispanic Recognition Program is an academic honor that can be included on college applications.

To qualify, students must be at least one-quarter Hispanic/Latino; achieve the minimum required PSAT Selection Index score during junior year; and earn a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher by the middle of their junior year.

In addition to being a National Hispanic Scholar, Wyatt was recently recognized as an AP Scholar with Distinction by the College Board for earning an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. Wyatt was also named a National Merit Commended Student for scoring in the top three percent in the nation on the PSAT during his junior year.

Congratulations are extended to Jack Smith and Jonah Glunt on being accepted to the NAFME All National Chorus in Orlando, FL.

Also, congratulations to the following students for being selected to participate in the music festivals this fall:

**PMEA Honors Orchestra:**

Samuel Ding - Violin

Jason Zhang - Violin

Veronica Zhang - Violin

Mallika Matharu – Cello

**PMEA Honors Choir:**

Millena Deluliis - Soprano 1

Sophia Shi - Soprano 2

Logan Reynolds - Tenor 1

Zach Reynolds - Tenor 1

Andrew Rauber - Tenor 2

Sammy Cancilla - Tenor 2

Christian Jones - Tenor 2

**PMEA Honors Band:**

Meghan Johnson - Clarinet

Holly Smith - Clarinet (Alternate)

James Boston - Trumpet

Justin Pacella - Euphonium

Shane Bowman - Percussion (1st Chair)

Matt Higgs - Percussion (2nd Chair)

Justin Dreyer - Percussion

Steven Halpner – Percussion

**ACDA Sweet Harmony Festival:**

Madeline Nolen

Clare Joyce

Elizabeth Young

Madison Bruno

Kaitlyn Clougherty

Jordana Kennedy

Katie Kobeski

Sofia Putorti

Mia Skeel

Melodi Caliskan

Gabrielle Deep

Sydney Garvey

Evelyn Hertzog  
Janelle Knierim  
Jaelyn Lakes  
Reagan Safko  
Emily Whiteford

**ACDA Mucho Macho Festival:**

Zain Aizooky  
Rohan Mishra  
Joseph Markovitz  
Colin Eccher  
George Garces  
Ryan Higgs  
Ammar Kethavath  
Thomas McQuillan  
Keshav Narasimhan  
Dimitri Suher  
Benjamin Wasson  
Graydon Altherr  
Marshall Howe  
Jadon Kithcart  
Arnav Kumar  
Jude Pagliai  
Eli Rankin  
Maxim-Levi Shevchenko