

COMMENDATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

October 2021

HIGH SCHOOL

Two Upper St. Clair High School seniors were recently named Borlaug Scholars and were selected to present their research at the World Food Prize Foundation's Global Youth Institute. Paige Copenhaver and Nitish Sharma presented their research on Monday, Oct. 18, 2021, during the virtual event. Paige and Nitish participated in the Pennsylvania School for Excellence in the Agricultural Sciences Program 2021, formerly a Governor's School at Penn State University, during the summer. The students were part of only 200 high school students nationally selected to present at the World Food Prize Foundation.

Several Upper St. Clair High School musicians were recently selected by competitive audition to participate at upcoming Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District 1 band and orchestra festivals.

The **PMEA District 1 Honors Orchestra Festival** will be held Nov. 20-21 at Fox Chapel Area and Bethel Park high schools. The following Upper St. Clair students were selected to participate:

- Rumaysa Alam, Viola
- Leona Chen, Violin II
- Sophie Chen, Violin II
- Miriam Gutensohn, Violin I
- Joe Phillips, Cello
- Isabella Zhang, Violin II

The **PMEA District 1 Honors Band Festival** is set for Nov. 19-21 at North Hills High School. Participants from Upper St. Clair include:

- Phoebe Chen, Flute I
- Lauren Tenney, Clarinet II
- Leah Henning, Clarinet III
- Susan Liu, Clarinet Alternate
- Gabe Pacella, Trumpet II
- Ben Wasson, Bass Trombone

The **PMEA District 1 Band – West Festival** is slated for Jan. 27-29, 2022, at Duquesne University. Upper St. Clair musicians include:

- Phoebe Chen, Flute
- Eleanor Alford, Oboe
- Lauren Tenney, Clarinet II
- Leah Henning, Clarinet II
- Susan Liu, Clarinet II
- Gabe Pacella, Trumpet II
- Ben Wasson, Bass Trombone (Trombone III)

PMEA District 1 includes school districts from Allegheny, Fayette, Green, Washington and Westmorland counties. PMEA Region 1 is comprised of PMEA District 1 and District 5, which includes Beaver, Butler, Lawrence and Mercer counties.

BOYCE

A Boyce Middle School sixth grader was recently recognized for making a difference in the lives of others. Audrey Wetterau was honored with the NextUp Award (12 years and under) for her extraordinary efforts through Socks With A Mission (SWAM). The NextUp Awards honors young people who are dedicating their time and talents to making a difference in others' lives through fundraising, philanthropy, volunteerism, and activism. Audrey was recognized at an awards celebration on October 6th and received a monetary award which she plans to use to continue to help others. To date Audrey has distributed approximately 30,000 pairs of socks to those experiencing homelessness in the Pittsburgh area.

A Boyce Middle School fifth-grader was recently recognized for her work in the Fifth Annual Mahatma Gandhi Creative Writing and Art Contest. Mira Murthy earned Honorable Mention honors for her entry of artwork that contained poetry. The event was conducted as part of the 2021 Mahatma Gandhi Birthday Celebration organized by the Alliance for Humanitarian Initiatives, Nonviolence & Spiritual Advancement in partnership with Center for Student Diversity and Inclusion at Carnegie Mellon University. As an Honorable Mention awardee, Mira will receive a backpack for her efforts.