

## COMMENDATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

### October 2019

#### **HIGH SCHOOL**

Upper St. Clair High School administrators recognized 10 outstanding students with September 2019 Deans' Awards. The awardees and the teachers who nominated them were honored at a special breakfast on Wednesday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>.

September 2019 Deans' Award honorees include:

Hunter Bench, Grade 11

Claire Chen, Grade 12

Tyler Chojnicki, Grade 9

Gabriela Morales Gamez, Grade 10

Anna Hess, Grade 10

Shoshanah Karow, Grade 12

Demi Kucherawy, Grade 12

Andrew Miller, Grade 10

Adam Molinaro, Grade 9

Parth Patel, Grade 11

The Upper St. Clair High School Speech & Debate Team has earned the 2018-19 Leading Chapter Award for the Pittsburgh District from the National Speech & Debate Association. The team's accomplishment will be recognized with a commemorative plaque at the 2019-20 district tournament. The Leading Chapter Award, which is based on student participation throughout the school year, is the highest recognition a school can receive from the NSDA.

Upper St. Clair High School senior Sarah Besser 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. Every year, the College Board's National Hispanic Recognition Program recognizes about 5,000 of the 250,000 Hispanic/Latino juniors who take the test. Students take the qualifying PSAT in October of their junior year and are recognized in the fall of their senior year.

Steve Miller, Upper St. Clair High School mathematics teacher and curriculum leader, has been named a recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics & Science Teaching. He is one of 215 in the United States and four in Pennsylvania to earn this honor.