

COMMENDATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

September, 2016

High School

Upper St. Clair High School Junior, Robbie Halpner, spent the summer performing throughout the nation with the Academy Drum and Bugle Corps.

Comprised of approximately 150 performers, the Academy Drum and Bugle Corps is a competitive marching program for individuals ages 15-21. Members are selected by competitive audition.

Robbie performed as the synthesizer player, responsible for the keyboard part as well as all electronic sound in the 2016 show.

Robbie is a member of the Upper St. Clair High School wind ensemble, jazz ensemble and marching band. He co-founded the high school percussion ensemble club, and for his International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme Project, he created a Fort Couch Middle School drumline, which performed at Fort Couch basketball games last winter.

Amatheon Bohan, a senior at Upper St. Clair High School, finished 11th in the 2016 National Age Group Triathlon Championships in Omaha, Nebraska, qualifying to represent Team USA at the International Triathlon Union's World Championships in Rotterdam, The Netherlands September 14-17, 2017.

Amatheon finished 11th in the 17-19 age group – the third fastest 17 year old.

In addition to competing in triathlons, Amatheon is a member and captain of both the Upper St. Clair High School swim and Ultimate Frisbee teams.

Upper St. Clair High School's class of 2016 earned the school's highest average ACT scores during the last five-year period. High School senior, Murphy Miller, earned the highest possible ACT Composite score of 36 – an achievement reached by less than one-tenth of one percent of ACT test takers.

In addition to his academic achievements, Murphy is a member of the Upper St. Clair High School varsity hockey team.

Twelve Upper St. Clair High School seniors were recently named Semifinalists in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program. The following students scored in the top one percent of all juniors completing the PSAT in October 2015:

Paul Abrams
Amna Amin
Tyler W. Besselman
Aditi Chattopadhyay
Devon D. Garcia
Macey A. Kaplan
Arushi Kewalramani
Tanmayee Mahajan
Malcolm T. Miller
Murphy S. Miller
Vicki Z. Wang
Claire K. Zalla

Staff

High School science teacher Dr. Colin A. Syme is one of 200 teachers selected to attend the Society Research Teachers Conference from Sept. 30 – Oct. 2, 2016, in Washington, D.C.

Sponsored by the Society for Science & the Public, the annual conference brings together science research teachers to share best practices, troubleshoot the challenges involved in supporting students in independent science research, and learn more about the Regeneron Science Talent Search and the Society.

Dr. Syme is teaching a pilot STEAM course at the high school titled Laboratory Research And Techniques in Science (LabRATS).

Dr. Timothy M. Wagner, associate principal for program planning and innovation at Upper St. Clair High School, has been named an Emerging Leader by the Pennsylvania Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. The PASCD Emerging Leaders program recognizes and prepares young, promising educators to influence education programs, policy and practice at the state level. Emerging Leaders are enrolled in the program for two years and receive mentoring and professional development opportunities. In addition, they are able to develop and expand their network of educational leaders throughout Pennsylvania.