

COMMENDATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS
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Staff

Upper St. Clair High School teacher, Ben Edwards, has been selected to receive the University of Chicago's Outstanding Educator Award. First year students are invited to nominate a teacher that has inspired them along the educational course of their lives. This award is presented to an educator that has influenced, challenged and helped students along the path toward intellectual growth. Mr. Edwards is a Social Studies Teacher and sponsors the Forensics (Speech and Debate) Team and the Multi-Cultural Club.

Elementary/Middle School

A team of five Upper St. Clair students recently won the Multimedia Excellence Award for Outstanding Visual Design at the inaugural World Artificial Intelligence Competition for Youth (WAICY 2018). The team was comprised of Luke An, a fifth grader at Boyce Middle School; Sam An and Aaron Jiang, third graders at Streams Elementary; Ava Liu, a fourth grader at Streams; and Cynthia Shen, a third grader from Baker Elementary.

One hundred thirty students between the ages of 4 and 18 from as far away as China, Sweden and England, competed in person on 30 teams. An additional 20 teams competed remotely from around the world. The Upper St. Clair team was one of five that was recognized for its performance in the competition.

The event, sponsored by Carnegie Mellon University and the WholeRen Education LLC, was held July 28, 2018, on CMU's campus.

Middle School

Three Upper St. Clair students – Meredith Huzjak, Rylee Kalocay and Olivia Terlecki – are members of the Western Pennsylvania Bruins AAU basketball team that finished third in the national Run for the Roses Rising Stars tournament, which was held in July at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville.

Rylee was named to the Roses Rising Stars 5th Grade All-Tournament Team for her performance, scoring more than 20 points in multiple games and was the leading rebounder. Meredith, Rylee and Olivia began sixth grade at Boyce Middle School this year.

High School

Four Upper St. Clair High School seniors were recently named Semifinalists in the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Competition. The following students scored in the top one percent of all juniors completing the PSAT in October 2017: Reese A. Benonis, Samuel Ding, Serena Luo and Grace A. Wagner.