

COMMENDATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

September 2019

HIGH SCHOOL

On September 16th, The USC girls' soccer team played Brashear and by half-time USC had reached an 8-0 lead. In the second half, the teams combined through an inter-squad scrimmage and rather than playing "against" each other they played together learning from each other. As a result, good friends emerged and both teams exhibited a perfect example that good sportsmanship matters more than score. Congratulations to the Upper St. Clair and Brashear coaching staff and players for truly demonstrating a great interscholastic experience. We are proud of you! The USC Varsity Girls Soccer team includes the following team members:

Alexandra Hall, Junior

Amber Seery, Junior

Ariana Lusi, Junior

Bailey Janz, Sophomore

Brianna Lang, Junior

Brooke Mienert, Senior

Cara Marsh, Senior

Caraline Taper, Junior

Carson Bogan, Junior

Elle Snyder, Junior

Emily Rocco, Junior

Eva Rankin, Sophomore

Hannah Hardy, Sophomore

Jen McKenzie, Senior

Jill Rocco, Senior

Juls Gianni, Senior

Kaelyn Moran, Sophomore

Lexi Wehrle, Senior

Lilly Falce, Junior

Lilly Lund, Sophomore

Lucy Volpatt, Freshman

Mackenzie Dupre, Sophomore

Maddie Huzjak, Senior

Marissa Krenn, Senior

Micayla Densmore, Sophomore

Natalie Gilbert, Sophomore

Olivia Amatangelo, Junior

Sam Digiorgio, Senior

Sydney Woomeer, Sophomore

Valentina Rosales Mejia, Junior

Zoe Dawso, Junior

Three students, Skyler Bruno, Eden Auslander and 2019 graduate Sarah Price, recently became published authors. Their writings were among top-rated submissions in the Ralph Munn Creative Writing Contest, sponsored by the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. Skyler's short prose titled, "Snapped Guitar Strings Can Be Repaired", Eden's poem "Analyzation of Procrastination", and Sarah's poem "A Different Battle" can be found within the Ralph Munn Creative Writing Anthology 2019. The Anthology is available online as well as in hard copy at all Allegheny County public and school libraries.

The Varsity Golf team was awarded the Panther Cup – Academic Team Award for earning the school's highest average GPA among the 30 varsity sports teams during the 2018-2019 academic year. With a 3.87 average GPA, this marks the team's second consecutive Panther Cup victory.

Six Upper St. Clair High School seniors were recently named Semifinalists in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Competition. The following students scored in the top one percent of all juniors completing the PSAT in October 2018:

Julia Brubach
Nisarg Kalra
Vivian Li
Daniel O'Brien
Ian Rankin
Braden Yates.

Nineteen Upper St. Clair High School seniors were recently recognized as Commended Students in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program:

Carly Abraham
Vivek Babu
Sarah Besser
Claire Chen
Jason Choi
Jonathan Clark
Samuel Dvorin
Devan Ekbote
Gavin Genter
Eri Hayakawa
Katherine Hobart
Matthew Hornak
Dylan Jenny
Suemin Lee
Kathleen McCurrie,
Benjamin Nelson
Benjamin Pribanic
Aleska Rodic
Emmeline Wetzel

The College Board recently announced that 139 Upper St. Clair High School students earned the designation of AP Scholar – including seven National AP Scholars. These students earned recognition for their exceptional achievement in the college-level Advanced Placement Program in 2019.

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| Aaron Mehta | Claire Chen | Jonah Manalo | Richa Mahajan |
| Aaron Hall | Connor Damon | Jordan Levy | Richard Carlson |
| Aidan Gordley | Connor Ryan | Joseph Pulit | Ritik Parmar |
| Aleksa Rodic | Daniel Berlin | Julia Brubach | Robert O'Brien |
| Alexander Shaw | Dev Patel | Juliana Tarcson | Ross Petrone |
| Anber Bhuiyan | Devan Ekbote | Justin Dreyer | Sai Sriram |
| Anh-Duy Nguyen | Devon Lang | Katelyn Weber | Samantha Koller |
| Anika Sinha | Dina Leyzarovich | Katherine King | Sara Cortese |
| Anna Busalacchi | Dustin S. Riberi | Katherine Li | Sarah Besser |
| Anne Ferry | Dylan Mira | Katherine Hobart | Scotlynn Fennell |
| Anthony Cancilla | Elizabeth C. Jacobs | Keegan Schicke | Shaayan Saeed |
| Anusha Neupane | Emily Gallagher | Lauren Wholey | Shalmalee Joshi |
| Aochen Zhang | Emmeline G. Wetzel | Lindsay Moskal | Shashank Kokkula |
| Ashwini Walavalkar | Eri Hayakawa | Logan Gausa | Shaunak Lavande |
| Atharva Barve | Ethan Rutowski | Madison Suter | Soudip Sen |
| Austin Reardon | Evan Heilman | Makarios Dickos | Suemin Lee |
| Ayush Sharma | Evan McClelland | Mallika Matharu | Taylor Quinn |
| Benjamin Nelson | Gabriel Riberi | Margaret McClintock | Tushar Roy |
| Benjamin Pribanic | Gabriella Ferenchik | Mary Lydia Lucas | Veronica Gibbons |
| Benjamin Hrehocik | Gabrielle Martin | Mathena Jencka | Vikram Reddy |
| Braden Yates | Grace Wagner | Matthew McCormick | Vivek Babu |
| Brendan Neal | Graham Kretschmar | Matthew Hornak | Vivian Li |
| Brooke Christiansen | Halle Hewitt | Mattigan Fultineer | Ynyra Bohan |
| Calli Folino | Harrison Chui | Mayka Chaves | Zachary Smith |
| Cara Chiocca | Helen Ritter | Meghan Joon | |
| Caroline Hendrix | Hridhay Reddy | Mia Collis | |
| Caroline McDonough | Jack Myers | Mitchell DeCock | |
| Catherine Rainone | Jacob Musser | Neha Patel | |
| Chance Cahn | Jacqueline LeKachman | Nicholas Devlin | |
| Chand Vadalia | James Walker | Nisarg Kalra | |
| Christian Chiu | James Metzger | Nitesh Nagpal | |
| Christopher Hess | Jamison Stout | Olivia Schlichting | |
| Christopher Travers | Jason Choi | Paarth Shankar | |
| Christopher Pantelis | Jason Sweeney | Quinn Murray | |
| Claire Leonard | John Beggy | Rebecca Speer | |
| Claire Kohler | John Mologne | Reese Benonis | |

BOYCE

Luke An recently earned a seventh place finish in the 2019 National Math Kangaroo competition at the University of Pittsburgh. Luke, along with other Pennsylvania students who finished in the top 20 in the national ranking, were recognized at an award ceremony on June 10 at the University of Pittsburgh. Math Kangaroo is annual mathematical competition for students in grades 1-12.

Boyce Middle School's outdoor courtyard has been transformed into a fully functioning garden and serene setting. The transformation was made possible through the collective efforts of many groups and individuals including Holly Fisher (Boyce Nurse), Boyce Parent Teacher Organization, staff, families and a group of local girl scouts. The group of local girl scouts included 9th graders – Olivia Cuba, Katelyn Robbins, Anna McElligott and Kara Fisher. The girl scout's volunteer work counted as part of their Girl Scout Silver Award efforts. The Girl Scout Silver Award is the highest award a Girl Scout Cadette can earn.