

COMMENDATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

September 2022

HIGH SCHOOL

Two members of the Upper St. Clair High School rowing team were recently named Midwest Scholastic Rowing Association (MRSA) All-Midwest Academic Athlete Award Honorees for 2021-22. Rising seniors Keira Fortunato and Markella Jahn are among 52 honorees from 64 high school teams across 13 states. Criteria includes a grade point average of 3.5 or above; an SAT score of at least 1200 or ACT score of 27 or above; and achievement in the finals race of the MRSA Championship or participation in Scholastic Rowing Association of America nationals or world competitions.

Three Upper St. Clair student-athletes have been selected to U.S. Youth Futsal (USYF) International teams. Ninth graders Sierra Dupre and Mary Mascaro along with eighth grader Abby Mascaro will compete with their respective USYF teams in Portugal this winter. As part of the selection process the girls competed against the best futsal players in the country at the final round in Kansas in July.

Nine Upper St. Clair High School seniors were recently named Semifinalists in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Competition. The following students scored in the top one percent of all juniors completing the PSAT in October 2021: Carter L. Chui, Jasmine F. Dietiker, Matthew O. Earley, Ansh Goyal, Peer Abdul-Qadir Khan, Jason Lu, Phillip T. Markovitz, Lauren E. Starr and Benjamin G. Wasson.

An Upper St. Clair High School junior recently earned a Silver Medal from the Congressional Award Program. Autumn Ma, who earned the Bronze Medal in 2021, now has her sights set on the program's Gold Medal. Requirements for the Silver Medal include 200 hours of volunteer service, 100 hours of personal development, 100 hours of physical fitness and a three-day expedition all over the course of 12 months. Autumn has committed her voluntary time by working at the Jubilee Soup Kitchen and fundraising on their behalf by collecting donation items and selling baked goods. She has spent the time for her Personal Development goal to learn how small businesses operate and obtain entrepreneurial skills for a potential career in business management, and has satisfied the Exploration requirement for the Silver Medal by self-planning a trip to Lisbon for five days and four nights.