

TROIAD

I MUST NOT FEAR.
FEAR IS THE MIND-KILLER.
FEAR IS THE LITTLE-DEATH
THAT BRINGS TOTAL
OBLITERATION.
I WILL FACE MY FEAR.
I WILL PERMIT IT TO PASS
OVER ME AND THROUGH ME.
AND WHEN IT HAS GONE
PAST I WILL TURN THE INNER
EYE TO SEE ITS PATH.
WHERE THE FEAR HAS GONE
THERE WILL BE NOTHING.
ONLY I WILL REMAIN.

RANK HERBERT, DUNE



2022

TROIAD 2022

Not so long ago, in a time that feels far, far away... we were just little kids. Running around outside barefoot, riding our bikes, playing silly games like Dungeons & Dragons, watching cartoons like Gravity Falls and The Last Air Bender. We learned of dystopian worlds through books, movies, and TV, asking ourselves which fantasy we could be the hero of; The Hunger Games or Harry Potter? At the time we were young to realize that one day we may be living in our own dystopian reality.

We knew everything we needed to know back then, when life was so much simpler. To quote Agent K, "Fifteen hundred years ago, everybody knew the Earth was the center of the universe. Five hundred years ago, everybody knew the Earth was flat." Two years ago, we knew exactly how our lives were going to play out before COVID-19. But life is all about admitting what you don't know and becoming stronger from all of the lessons you learn along the way. The senior class of 2022 has lived and learned more truths of the universe than most generations before us, which has prepared us to explore it fully, whether that be on our new college campuses, out in the real world years from now, or standing in the TARDIS with the doctor of your choosing. This book is dedicated to the senior class of 2022, who are ready to show the world just what they're made of. These pages depict all of your out-of-this-world adventures and the challenges that have prepared you for your next journey. Remember, it always seems like the hero might not make it right before they rise and defeat the bad guy; think Darth Vader, Lex Luther, The Daleks, or Biff Tannen calling Marty "chicken." There will be days where it feels like it's you against the world, there will be times when you get knocked down. But you will stand back up and remember who you are, where you're from, and how you got here. It would be outlandish and fantastic to call ourselves superheroes; the word "underdog" seems like a better fit. But we're not just beagles wearing capes. We're an underestimated force of nature with an education that has given us the power to continue exploring beyond our tiny corner of the world, in endless galaxies far, far away.

Get ready Player One, the game is about to begin. Here are a few tips: if you must blink, do it now, don't feed the plant or the Mogwai after midnight, the doctor lies, life always finds a way, and nothing is lost... everything is transformed.

Do not weep bitter tears because a wonderful story has come to an end; the truth is that every real story is a never-ending story. And yours has just begun.

From the class of 2022 to the classes of 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026, we wish you good luck and leave you with one piece of advice: Do or do not, there is no try.

Madie Bruton
Class of 2022

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MRS. KELLY SMALE





Kelly Smale, special ed teacher at Pottstown High School, has been an integral member of the Pottstown family for 19 years and counting. Her journey began on the west coast in San Rafael, California where she was born. At age of 5, her family moved to New Jersey where she later graduated from Parsippany Hills High School. She attended Bloomsburg State College, where she earned her bachelor's degree in special education K-12, and Penn State University, where she earned her master's degree. Mrs. Smale participated in extracurricular activities throughout her academic career. In high school she was part of the school's cheer squad. In college she joined Zeta Psi Sorority, and was a member of Quest Outdoor Adventure Club.

Mrs. Smale is a dedicated and passionate member of the Pottstown community, serving several times as a Class Advisor, Department Chairperson, & dedicating extra time to her students as a tutor. Mrs. Smale was also deservedly selected by her peers as one of Pottstown's Teachers of the Year.

Mrs. Smale's favorite things to do outside of school are traveling (especially to her favorite island, Aruba), entertaining her family & friends at home by her pool, tailgating at Penn State football games, spending time at the beach, scrapbooking, and spoiling her grandchildren.

Mrs. Smale's dedication has made a lasting impact on Pottstown High School over the years. Thank you, Mrs. Smale, for being one more reason we are able to say, "Proud to be from Pottstown!"



CLASS SONG:
 "We're All in this Together" High School Musical

CLASS COLORS:
 Royal Blue

CLASS FLOWER:
 White Rose

CLASS MOTTO:
 "Together we experienced life.
 Separately we chased our dreams.
 Forever our memories will last."



Class Officers and Advisers

L-R: Mrs. Kelly Smale, President Jayniana Williams, Secretary Jesseny Redrovan, Treasurer Daisa Thornton-Bey, Vice President Yasmin Paez, Mrs. Laura Luzenski

SENIOR SUPERLATIVES



Most Likely to become President of the USA:
Jimi Chavalaporn



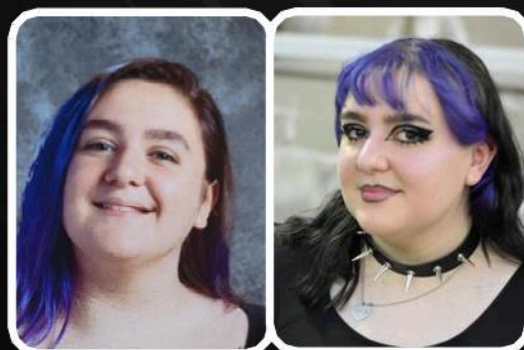
Most Likely to Travel the World:
Annabelle Poston



Couple most likely to stay together forever:
Ariana Torres & Olan Yancy



Most Upbeat Attitude:
Tyler Harper



Most Changed Since Freshman Year:
Madison Carberry

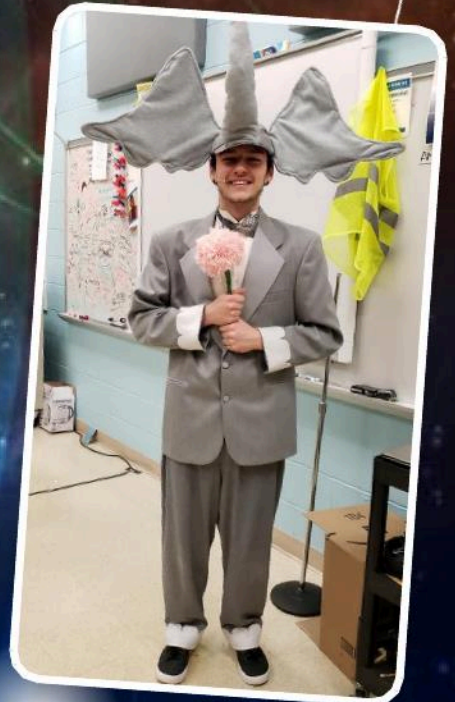
In Memorium



Ahmir Jones

August 22, 2003 - November 16, 2021





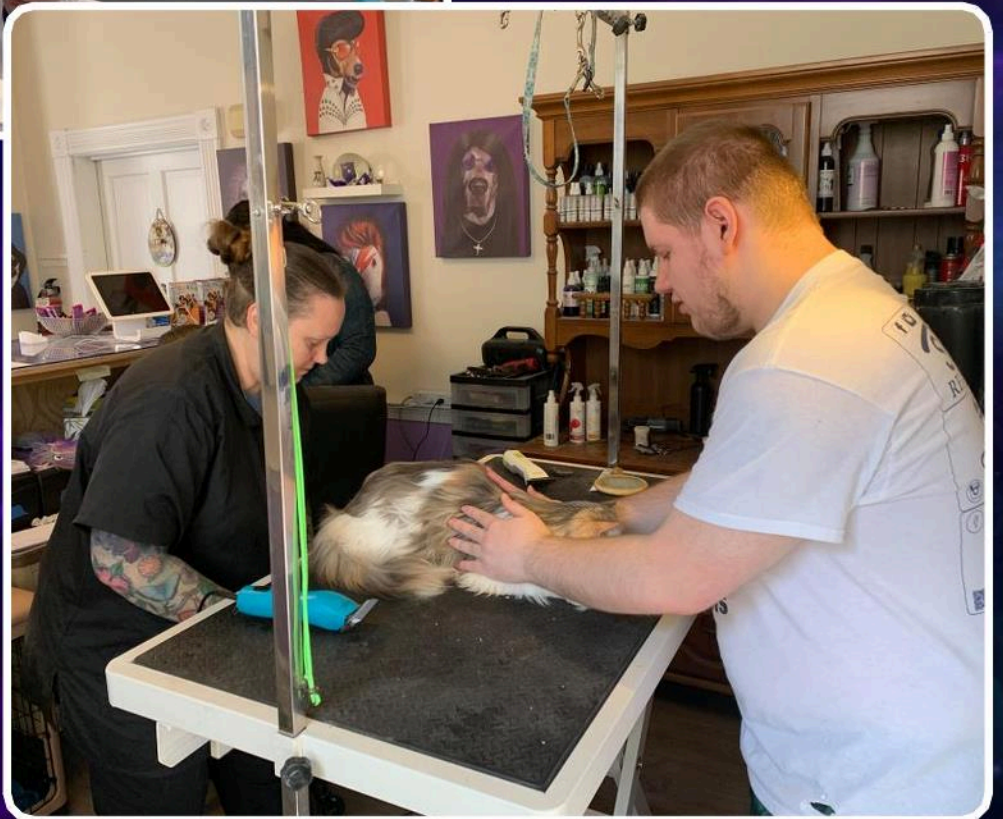
Austin Ramos

October 19, 2002 - February 12, 2022





STEPP, the Secondary Transition and Employment Program of Pottstown pairs local business partners with students for a work study program during the school day.





Front Row: Vickie McShea – Adviser , Emily Castillo, Michelle Castillo, Mackenzie Moser, Jaynianna Williams,
Alianna Samuel, Kevin Pascal – Adviser

2nd Row: Austin Sundstrom, Sean Deppen, Gerle Jimenez, Miranda Pineda, Cheynin Boyer, Shawn Pallay Williams,
Daniela Castillo, Fatima Mohamed-Eck

3rd Row: Peyton Benfield, Alexis Demeter, Jadon Wiszumerksi, Janette Penate, Elizabeth Adedeji,
Olivia Hickey, Alexis Beckett, Julia Smith

4th Row: Amber Heater, Makenna Franey, Tyler Hill, Naden Elgendy, Kaylee Loughlin, Daishawnia Dean,
Tyler Broughton, Xavier Francis-Williams, Jamie Freese

Back Row: Mark Ellison III, Devon Smith, Savion Williams, Jestyn Snyder, Josiah Wilson, Adam Alaoui,
Layla Bearden, Mehki Jenkins Glover

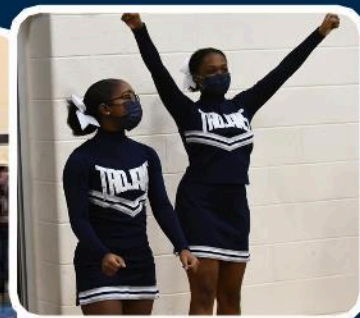
Absent: Melody Jackson, John Cranford, Thomas Burruss, Susan Summerville, Sabrina Albert, Nada Elgendy,
Mackenzie Hall, Justin Castillo, Dasia Thornton-Bey, Chase Winston, Caleb Yocom, Brooke Thomas,
Brock Klopp, Beatriz Guardado, Abdel Elgendy



FALL SPORTS



WINTER SPORTS





Class of 2023



Mark Ellison III – President, Daishawnia Dean - Vice President, Alexis Beckett - Treasurer , Abdel Elgendy
- Secretary Class Advisers- Mrs. Cherneskie and Mrs. Donnelly

CLASS OF 2024



Adam Alaoui - President, Devon Smith - Vice President, Katerine Reina -Secretary, Elizabeth Adedeji -Treasurer,
Mrs. Ashley Ermold & Ms. Amber Schollenberger- Advisers

CLASS OF 2025



Daniela Castillo – Treasurer, Aniyah Wells -Secretary, Tahj Phillips -Vice president, Naden Elgendy - Co-President, Fatima Mohamad-Eck - Co-President,
Class Advisers -Mrs. Sara Miller & Mrs. Amanda Fusco

For over 50 years, John & Marlene Armato have dedicated their lives to the students, parents, and staff of the Pottstown School District, as well as the educational and co-curricular programs of our district and community. The Pottstown Borough Council unanimously approved renaming part of Franklin Street "Armato Way" in their honor, between our middle and high school, where daily, hundreds of students and cars travel.



Na'imah Rhodes

PHS Early Childhood Education Teacher
Mentor for Leading Ladies
Pottstown Alumni

What advice do you have for people looking to start their careers or become a leader?

To anyone looking to become a leader and/or mentor, my advice is just do it! Very soon after graduating from Pottstown High School, I knew I wanted to work with teenagers. Unfortunately, it took me years to follow through on that desire. My roles as a teacher in the district and a mentor for Leading Ladies, were both a direct result of other people REALLY pushing me. I dealt with a lot of self-doubts, that I almost allowed to become a barrier. So please, trust yourself. If you know your intentions are genuine and well-meaning...just do it.

Give yourself grace. You will make mistakes and that is part of the process. If you desire to work with the youth, be present and consistent. There is a huge misconception that kids are not paying attention to the small things, but they notice everything. Always keep your word, operate with love & respect, and be open-minded. Be honest about your struggles, it makes you human. Nothing will help a young person understand that they can overcome their obstacles more than seeing the direct results of never giving up. Always remain teachable. Remember that constructive criticism is crucial for your success as a leader.



Encourage feedback from the youth to ensure you are meeting your goals as a mentor. Finally, remember that your goal is quality, not quantity. If you only feel like you are making an impact on a small group of people, that is still something to celebrate. If my service only makes one person realize they have a purpose, they are valued, they are loved, and that someone believes in them...then I will know I am where I need to be.



Pottstown's Watson reaches 1,000, completes mission 4 years in the making

Pottstown senior Trinell Watson made her ambitions very clear when she arrived at Pottstown High School four years ago. She told head coach Madison Morton she wanted her name alongside the program's other top players as a member of the 1,000-point club. The PAC's leading scorer this season entered the January 15, 2022 game 29 points from joining the elite club. A free throw in overtime against Phoenixville, part of her 31-point game, fulfilled her dream as she became the 10th Trojans player to reach 1,000 career points.



Pottstown High School senior Yasmin Paez and freshman Miranda Pineda were recognized as winners of the 2021-2022 Hispanic Heritage essay contest. They each received \$100 awards which were presented at a dinner hosted by Centro Cultural Latinos Unidos (CCLU). The National Council of Hispanic Employment Managers essay theme was "Esperanza" (Hope). In Yasmin's essay, "A Hopeful Potluck Dinner", she describes plates of food reflecting the home countries and cultures of her parents. Miranda's entry "Growing Up Different" described her self-awareness of being different from her peers and her struggle to overcome the feelings.



Congratulations to the members of the Pottstown High School Reading Olympics Team. The team placed 3rd, earning a green ribbon out of 20 teams at the MCIU Reading Olympics High School Event!



Xiyah Robinson



Congratulations to Pottstown High School track athletes Ethan Masewicz & RaShean Bostic. Ethan placed 1st place in the 200-meter and 1st place in the 400-meter with a time of 49.8, which ranks him in the top10 best times in the state. RaShean placed 1st in Long Jump with a jump of 20'- 6" which ranks him in the top 50 in Pennsylvania. Additionally, Tyrese Washington, who overcame challenges of the 110-meter hurdles at the PIAA state championships to place 4th with a time of 14.63 seconds.

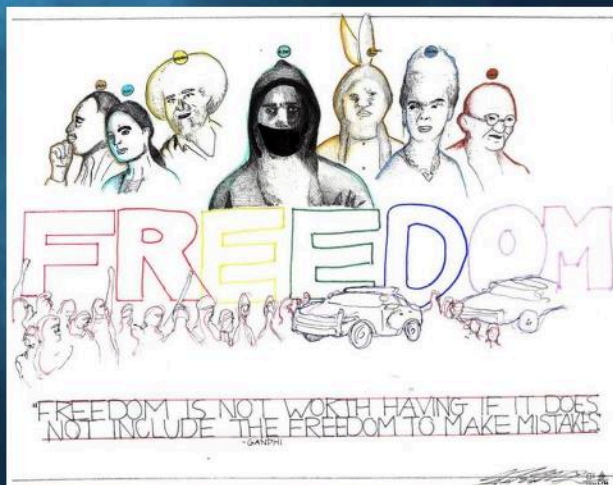


Congratulations to Pottstown High School freshman wrestler Kareem Leshar. He was selected by the opposing coaches as the Outstanding Pottstown Wrestler at the annual Pottstown VS O.J. Roberts Wrestlers Pride meet. Kareem scored a 6-5 victory in his match



Congratulations to Winter and Spring Track Athletes Layla Bearden (shot put) and Arianna Torres (discus). Bearden started the winter season at the Kutztown Invitational, which drew over 700 competitors from several states. She put the shot 23 feet 3 inches finishing 13th out of 29 competitors. By the final meet of the season she had improved her distance by almost 3 feet with a throw of 26 feet. Arianna made her debut at the Henderson Polar Bear meet throwing 22-01 and placing 10th overall. By the end of the season her throw of 31 feet 2 inches placed her 3rd overall.

The YWCA sends a HUGE THANK YOU to all of the artists who submitted a piece for the Week Without Violence art contest. The community absolutely loved the artworks submitted. The artworks LITERALLY brought people to tears...community members were walking away from the art display with tears in their eyes! Congratulations to 1st place winner Daniel Williams and Madie Bruton and Hailey Gerrish who tied for 2nd place !



Pottstown High School senior members of the girls soccer team Yasmin Paez and Kaleigh Martin are helping their under 19 travel team, West-Mont United to a highly successful season. Recently they went 4-0 to win the Columbia Invitational and are ranked 5th in the nation. Trojan Proud to see their hard work pay off. Best of luck to them in the upcoming state championships.

During this
soccer
season,
Calista Day
scored her
34th goal
making her
the
Pottstown
Girls Soccer
All-Time
Scoring
Leader!



Congratulations to Pottstown High School wrestlers Xiyah Robinson and Mia Bumbarger on placing at the MYHOUSE Girls State Wrestling Tournament held at Central Dauphin High School. Competing against 300 girls from 115 high schools on 6 mats. Xiyah, a junior, went 3-0 on the day with two pins and a decision to become Pottstown's first on-the-mat, girls state champ. In the finals, she scored a pin in 50 seconds! Mia Bumbarger capped her senior year off with a fourth place finish. Wrestling in five matches, she came up with 3 victories, including 2 decisions and a pin. Both girls are past state medal winners and are proof of the Trojan philosophy, that when you make every second count hard work pays off.



Trojan Proud of Pottstown High School girl wrestlers Xiyah Robinson and Mia Bumbarger. They had a big day at the Governor Mifflin all girl wrestling tournament. Over 125 female warriors did battle in another history-making event that is helping to grow the sport of girls wrestling. Xiyah looked tough on top in her 8-4 win. Mia Bumbarger had a big day went 3-0 to earn first place with a decision, pin and medical forfeit.

Congratulations to Pottstown High School Trojan wrestling team on their strong showing at the Marple Newtown Phil Carbonetta Memorial Tournament. Eight of the 12 Trojans entered in the tournament placed in the top six. The Trojans were 5th overall in the team standings. Devon Greene led the team with a second-place finish, Jestyn Snyder took third place with three straight pins after an opening round loss. Nahzier Booker made his debut as a Trojan wrestler with a third-place finish. On his way to the medal stand he had three pins one in 53 seconds and another in 29. Malachi Jones placed third with a takedown in the last second of overtime for the victory.



At the end of the third marking period 15 of the 18 members of the Pottstown Wrestling Team earned distinguished honors or honors. All members of the team remained academically eligible the entire season. Earning Distinguished Honors; Kareem Leshar, Savannah Richards, Tyler Harper, Jonah Grice, Jesty Snyder, Devon Green, Gabe Roseo and Kennday Cole (scorekeeper) Earning Honors; Jadon Wizumerski, Alexis Demeter, Phoenix Rhoads, Tyrese Washington, Malachi Jones, Mia Bumbarger, and Evan Smith.

Eight members of the Pottstown High School DECA club have earned their way to the state competition held in Hershey. They punched their ticket by their top placement in the Annual District 8 Career Development Conference. DECA is a noteworthy Career and Technical Student Organization that is conducted through high schools and colleges. The purpose of DECA is to educate students about various aspects of business, while promoting leadership, hard work, and productivity. This year's district competition was hosted online and held in the Pottstown High School library. Of the 28 students that competed, 8 of them will be competing at the DECA state conference. The competition involved students taking a 100 question content test and a situational role play. Students' role playing is judged on the effectiveness of their responses to the business situations and inquiries that are presented to them. Both the test and role play expose competitors to real-life scenarios and provide valuable experience and knowledge. Mackenzie Moser (Business Service Marketing) and Jayniana Williams (Hotel and Lodging Management) both earned first place and highest role play scores. In person or online DECA members adapted efficiently and proved hard work pays off.

Hotel and Lodging Management
Jayniana Williams
 1st Place, highest roleplay, and highest test score

Business Service Marketing
Mackenzie Moser
 1st Place and highest roleplay

Principles of Finance
Cheynea Boyer
 1st Place and highest test score

Marketing Management & Team Decision Making
Makenna Franey & Peyton Benfield
 3rd Place

Principles of Finance
Daniella Castillo
 4th Place

Principles of Hospitality and Tourism
Dasia Thorton- Bey
 4th place

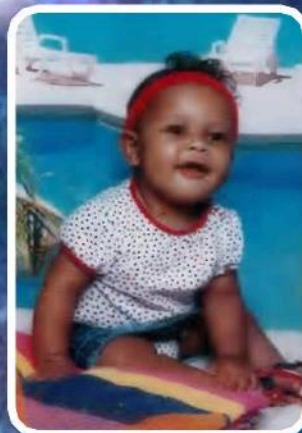
Principles of Marketing
Elizabeth Adedeji
 4th Place



Malachi Neely



Mackenzie Moser



Calista Daye



You had your share of ups and downs but you made it. Always remember that!

Congratulations Kenzie, we are so proud of you. Keep reaching for the stars, love you!

We are so proud of your accomplishments and the many more to come. Continue to shine bright like a diamond. Love, Autumn, Mom, and Dad