

POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT POINTS OF PRIDE FALL 2012

Student activities are an integral part of our educational program. Co-curricular programs are not only a way for students to have fun, but also a valuable educational tool. Activities provide an opportunity for all students to participate and help build community recognition and identity. Co-curricular activities are designed to instill school pride and teach life-long lessons. They support the academic mission of the school district and promote citizenship and sportsmanship. The activities program is a testing ground for the physical and emotional development of our young people. **IT IS BETTER TO BUILD STRONG CHILDREN THAN TRY TO REPAIR ADULTS.**

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FOOTBALL

Head Coach Brett Myers was named Mercury All-Area Coach of the Week after guiding the Trojans to a 41-18 win over Penn Wood.



Monroe Hampton was named Mercury All-Area Player of the Week. The senior Trojan carried 29 times for 306 yards and three touchdowns, caught four passes for 72 yards, recovered a fumble, intercepted a pass, and got in on six tackles to lead the Trojans to a record setting 51-47 win over Boyertown.

Head Coach Brett Myers made history by being named for the second consecutive week Mercury All-Area Coach of the Week after guiding the Trojans to a PAC-10 record 653 yards of total offense in a 51-47 win over Boyertown.

“Adam Sabuacak Player of the Game Award”

Adam Sabuacak was a 2001 graduate of Pottstown High School. He earned four varsity letters as a player for the Trojans and after graduation was one of our most loyal fans. Adam passed away in the spring of May 2009 and in his memory each week the high school football team will be naming the "Adam Sabuacak Player of the Game."

Winners for the 2012 Season:

- August 31 – Julian Teller
- September 7 – Monroe Hampton
- September 21 – Sage Reinhart
- October 5 – Monroe Hampton and Antonio Moore
- October 19 – Chase Watters
- November 3 – Denzel Harvey
- November 9 – Darrius Bookard



Mr. Ed “Jiving Juke” Brown, a member of the 1944 Trojan football team was named Honoree Team Captain for the game with Great Valley. He was honored in a pregame ceremony.



Sage Reinhart was named Mercury All-Area Player of the Week after helping to lead the Trojans to a 41-40 double overtime victory against Great Valley.

Sage Reinhart is a Record Setter



In the football game against Great Valley:

- He threw for 360 yards which broke the school record for single game passing yardage.
- He broke the season passing yardage with 2,165 yards
- He broke the previous touchdown record having thrown for 19 touchdowns this season.
- He tied the single game touchdown passing record with four in the game against Great Valley.



Sage Reinhart was named as a 2012 Mini Max Football Award. The Mini Max Award is presented to football players in the Greater Philadelphia and South Jersey region who exhibit excellent academics, outstanding football performance, and a strong commitment to community service.

The high school football team and coaches did their annual Thanksgiving Day meal shopping for a deserving area family. They make a personal visit to deliver the items to them. Coach Myers and his staff believe instilling the value of community service is a top priority of the Pottstown School District football program.





Chase Watters was named the Pottstown recipient of the Spring-City Forest of Tall Cedars of Lebanon Award. Coach Myers described Chase at the banquet by saying, "Chase was a two-way starter for us. We didn't know if he could do it but by the end of the year he made All-Conference on both sides of the ball. He overcame every obstacle and is a special kid."

Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference Second Team - Offense

- Sage Reinhart
- Antonio Moore

Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference Honorable Mention Team - Offense

- Denzel Harvey
- Monroe Hampton
- Chase Watters

Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference Second Team - Defense

- Dayon Mohler

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- Chase Watters

Named to The Mercury All Area First Team - Offense

- Dayon Mohler

Named to The Mercury All Area Second Team - Offense

- Antonio Moore
- Sage Reinhart

Name to The Mercury All Area Honorable Mention Team - Defense

- Chase Watters

Name to The Mercury All Area Honorable Mention Team - Offense

- Chase Watters
- Monroe Hampton
- Denzel Harvey

Named to The Pennsylvania Football News All-State Selection Honorable Mention

- Rich Masciarelli

GIRLS' FIELD HOCKEY

Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference Honorable Mention Team

- Tyisha Reddick-Goalie

Named to The Mercury All Area Honorable Mention Team

- Tyisha Reddick
- Chante Tinson
- Hannah Costello

GOLF

Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference Second Team

- Steven Steinmetz

Named to The Mercury All Area Honorable Mention Team

- Steven Steinmetz

BOYS' SOCCER



Miguel Ross (#10) was named Mercury All-Area Player of the Week based on his performance of scoring six goals during the week in games against Glen Mills and Perkiomen Valley. At this point in the season, he has scored a total of 16 goals.

Miguel Ross scored three goals in the boys' soccer game against Pottsgrove bringing his season total to 27 breaking the previous season scoring school record of 24 held by Edwin Hernandez. Miguel has scored a hat trick in three games this season.

Miguel Ross scored a school high record of 28 goals during the 2012 season and will represent the Pioneer Athletic Conference in an All-Star game held at Eastern University on Thanksgiving Day.

Miguel Ross was a member of the Pioneer Athletic Conference All-Star Team that competed in the Southeast Pennsylvania Soccer Classic. He scored a goal which enabled the Pioneer Athletic Conference Team to tie the All-Star team from the Central League. The game was played at Eastern University.

Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference First Team

- Miguel Ross

Named to The Mercury All Area First Team

- Miguel Ross

GIRLS' SOCCER

Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference Honorable Mention Team

- Autumn Daye

Named to The Mercury All Area Honorable Mention Team

- Autumn Daye

GIRLS' TENNIS

Harley Reid and Erica Piechota qualified to participate in the AAA PIAA District Girls' Tennis Doubles Playoff held at Arthur Ash Facility in Philadelphia.

Named to The Mercury All Area Honorable Mention Team

- Erica Piechota

CROSS COUNTRY



The Cross Country team recently returned from a four day camp. The team traveled to Lake Harmony in the Poconos and logged over 30 miles running for each athlete. The team also participated in a relay race, swimming, ultimate Frisbee and a talent show. Coach Agnew, Coach Hill and Coach Wiggins cooked and entertained the athletes during their stay.

Named to The Mercury All Area Honorable Mention Team for Boys' Cross Country

- Nate Smith

PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE ALL ACADEMIC TEAM

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|-----------------------|---|--------------------|
| ➤ Cheerleading | - | Katrina Braunsberg |
| ➤ Boys' Cross Country | - | Nathan Smith |
| ➤ Field Hockey | - | Kelsie Andrews |
| ➤ Football | - | Andrew Gazzillo |
| ➤ Golf | - | Erik Haas |
| ➤ Boys' Soccer | - | Sebastian Shiffler |
| ➤ Girls' Soccer | - | Megan Schmidt |
| ➤ Girls' Tennis | - | Ashley Slody |

PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE FALL CITIZEN ATHLETE AWARD

- Richard Masciarelli

Pottstown students and staff support Cancer Awareness Month

During the month of October, Pottstown students – elementary through high school conducted numerous activities in support of cancer awareness month.



STAFF

POTTSTOWN STUDENTS AND STAFF STAY FIT

On September 3rd Pottstown Karate Club/CrossFit hosted a 5-k/crossFit workout. This event went very well and was well received by many Pottstown School District employees and students. Thanks to Rob Matthews, owner of Pottstown Karate Club/CrossFit for providing the community with this wonderful experience and opportunity. Forty of our students (members of the cross country and wrestling teams along with cadets from Air Force JROTC) ran the 3.1 mile course with six stops along the way where they had to do the workout of the day one example would be flipping a 200 pound tire 30 times. Staff taking part included: Andy Bachman, John Armato, Mark Agnew, Mary Ann Hill, Stephen Rodriguez, and Jake Porter. Pottstown Karate Club/CrossFit will be hosting another run in October. We will post details when they are available.



Mia DiPaolo, Vanessa Unger, Calista Boyer, Pam Bateson, Danielle McCoy, Lisa Schade and John Armato participated in the "Target Bright Beginnings Program." The program was designed to assist children in need by being their shopping partner at the beginning of the school year. Each person was partnered with a student and went to the Target store to purchase school clothing and supplies that would enable them to begin the school year on a bright note.



ELEMENTARY



Thank you to Iron Mountain for their donation of 101 boxes of school supplies to the Pottstown School District elementary schools.

The supplies will be used throughout the year in all our elementary classrooms.

Second grade students in Mrs. Ludy's and Mrs. Harle's Edgewood Elementary classrooms helped to honor members of our police department and fire departments on Patriot's Day.



Edgewood Elementary School's First 25 Book Reader of the Year – Tianna Williams

Rupert students Abigail Eagle, Connor Cobb, and Umar Annable were winners of the Pottstown Human Relations Commission Poster Contest. The theme of the contest was “What are the positive things that justice brings to the community?” Students received certificates and a monetary award.



Rupert Elementary School held its annual “Fall Family Learning Together Night” with over 120 parents and children in attendance. See additional pictures on our Facebook Page:

<http://www.facebook.com/RupertElementarySchoolPottstown?ref=hl>

Congratulations to our prize winners:

- David Hick - Cole Hamels figure
- Sarai Brandt - Dairy Queen Gift Certificate
- Alonna Lue - Dairy Queen Gift Certificate
- Valdo Guilford - Coventry Ice Cream Gift Certificate
- Lauren Olson, Ricky Scott, Julian Reimert, and Deena Stoudt - Rupert Cookbook



Special Thanks to all the staff who helped put the program on:

Mrs. Pileggi, Miss Wagner, Miss Noska, Miss Fazekas, Mr. Freese, Mrs. McNamara (Tess too!), Mrs. Oxenford, Mrs. Pollock, Miss Kohl, Mrs. Meyers, Mrs. Shank, Mr. Ferster, (and former Rupert Nathan Camacho for helping with child care)

Rupert Elementary School celebrated “Red Ribbon Week,” which is the oldest drug prevention campaign in the country. Each day of the week, students took part in special themes designed to emphasize the importance of making healthy life choices.



Lincoln Elementary students participated in a school-wide project learning about how a president is elected and then participating in their own school-wide election.



Rupert Elementary names first marking period I'MPACT Award Winners recognized for following school rules: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be a Problem Solver. Award winners were:

- Aimee White
- Jade Garber
- Sean Rightnour
- Qeyanni Shawell
- Cole Bechtel
- Onjelay Nixon



Rupert Elementary School student David Hicks raised \$222 for cancer research by selling apple cider after school.

The students and staff at Edgewood Elementary rallied together by collecting money for the Red Cross to help the victims of Hurricane Sandy. The children were encouraged to donate at least 50 cents and in return could wear blue jeans to school. Teachers were also asked to donate at least \$3.00 and could also sport their favorite jeans. When all monies were counted they raised over \$350. The children learned a valuable lesson about caring for people in a time of need.



Rupert named the September “Students of the Month” for following the school rules:

Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be A Problem Solver

- Alexander Garber
- Chase Thornton
- Alonna Lue
- Kadi Blaszczyk
- Moniyah Person
- Dominic Tammaro
- Daelynn Nicoline
- Tajera Bass
- Kameryn Herpich
- Asya Becker
- Tyler Bruton

MIDDLE SCHOOL



Seventh grader Steven Hewitt took part in the middle school career shadowing program during the fall and worked with PCTV sports announcer Mr. Bernie Gallagher assisting in broadcast of high school football games.

Junior National Honor Society students traveled to Gettysburg Pennsylvania to take part in the 149th Anniversary of Dedication Day commemorating President Lincoln’s historic address. They also heard noted filmmaker Steven Spielberg give the Keynote Address.



HIGH SCHOOL

ROTC Summer Training - The aim of Basic Cadet Orientation (BCO) is to teach responsibility, improve self-discipline, build self-confidence, develop leadership skills, and strengthen character all while having fun and using a disciplined Air Force training format. The mental and physical challenges of BCO help prepare cadets for future encounters in their AFJROTC cadet career, high school life, and beyond.



Cadets from the Junior Air Force ROTC unit, under the leadership of Col. Jake Porter and Sgt. Alexander Bolar, recently provided support to two community events. Over 40 cadets spent the day assisting in the Pottstown Community Day Program held at the Pottstown Airport and provided vital support services. The same weekend, Sgt. Bolar along with 40 cadets provided support services for the Carousel of Flavor event where over 9,000 visitors to Pottstown took part in the activities.



The Pottstown High School Marching Band Pit Crew was recently recognized as the “Best Pit Crew” at the Boyertown Cavalcade. This is the third consecutive year the crew has earned this honor. Parent members of the crew include: John Mutter, Joe Campbell, Jay Lafferty, Shawn Lafferty, Neil Fuerman, Lynette Andrews, Phil Vontor, Tammy Vontor, Cole Sellers, Ben Hayes, and Paul Kolbmann.



Air Force Junior ROTC student, under the director of Col. Porter and Sgt. Bolar, and HOSA Club students, along with sponsor Michaela Johnson, assisted the YMCA in their annual Halloween Safe House event. Students helped provide activities, supervision, and treats for over 950 youngsters.



2012 Homecoming Court:

Pottstown High School celebrated its annual homecoming event by naming Sierra Lee as the Homecoming Queen and Miles Elliott as the Homecoming King for 2012. The event was sponsored by the high school KEY Club under the direction of Mr. Dennis Arms. Members of the homecoming court represented various school clubs. Members of the court were:



Miles Elliott and Sierra Lee



2012 Homecoming Court

From left: Kris Horsey, Morgan Wambold, Derek Beyer, Sierra Lee, Jake Gery, Kelsey Shumaker, Ralphie Vega, Alyssa Maldonado, Autumn Daye, Miles Elliott, Sydney Swartz, and Sam Dudley

- **Autumn Daye** – KEY Club – She is actively involved in KEY Club, Soccer, and Lacrosse. Upon graduation, Autumn plans to study Criminal Justice and play Soccer at Millersville University.
- **Sierra Lee** – Cheerleading – She is a member of DECA, Peer Mediation, Choir, Concert Band, Marching Band, Flute Ensemble, Cheerleading, and Track. Sierra serves as Secretary for Peer Mediation and is a DECA Officer. Upon graduation Sierra plans to study Business Management.
- **Kelsey Shumaker** – Student Government – She is actively involved in Student Government, Concert Band, and Clarinet Ensemble. Kelsey serves as the Secretary for the Marching Band and Captain of the Lacrosse and Field Hockey Teams. Upon graduation Kelsey plans to study Medicine and play Lacrosse.
- **Sydney Swartz** – Peer Mediation – She is actively involved in Peer Mediation, DECA, KEY Club, and Soccer. Sydney serves as the Secretary of Student Government. Upon graduation Sydney plans to attend the College of Charleston to study Nursing.
- **Morgan Wambold** – National Honor Society – She is a member of KEY Club, Student Government, Student Ambassadors, Marching Band, Concert Band, Soccer, and Lacrosse. Morgan serves as the Vice President of the National Honor Society. Upon graduation Morgan plans to study Physical Therapy with a focus in Rehabilitation.
- **Sam Dudley** – DECA – He is actively involved in Jazz Band, Student Ambassadors, and DECA. Sam serves as President of the PHS Marching Band. Upon graduation Sam plans to study Music Education with a minor in Music Business.
- **Miles Elliott** – KEY Club – He is actively involved in KEY Club and Basketball. Miles also serves as a mentor to a group of young men in our elementary schools. Upon graduation Miles plans to study Education.

- **Nate Flickinger** – Class of 2013 – He is involved in Football, Student Government, and Peer Mediation. Nate is a Captain of the Trojans Football team and serves as Fundraiser Chair for the Class of 2013. Upon graduation Nate plans to study Physical Education or Athletic Training. Representing Nate for the evening was Derek Beyer, Class of 2014.
- **Jake Gery** – Student Government – He is actively involved in Student Government, National Honor Society, and Varsity Baseball. Upon graduation Jake plans to enter the Navy upon completion of his collegiate studies.
- **Kris Horsey** – Anime Club – He is involved in Band, Chess Club, and Ju-Jitsu. Kris is the President of the Anime Club, Interact Club, and Upward Bound. Upon graduation Kris plans to study Computer Science.
- Alyssa Maldonado, 2011 Homecoming Queen, was on hand to crown this year's queen. Alyssa is currently studying Biochemistry at West Chester University.
- The 2010 Homecoming King, Ralphie Vega, Jr., assisted in crowning the new king. Ralphie is currently studying Radiology.
- A special thank you to Agnes Edmunds Formal Wear for supplying us with the tuxedos for the evening as well as Golf Car Specialties for providing us with golf cart transportation for our Homecoming Court.

DECA (Distributive Education Club of America) Induction

The DECA club inducted its new officers:

- President – Lindsey Havyer
- Vice President – Emily Griffin
- Public Relations – Sierra Lee

Newly inducted members included:

Maxine Bacon	Kyle Krepps
Justin Beasley-Turner	Sierra Lee
Carmelo Calano	Ryan McMahon
Ayramis Covington	Randy Mercado
Caeser Day	Tamer Mohamed
Auston Debnam	Samir Roberts
Aaliyah Ford	Hailey Shankle
Chloe Francis	Ashley Slody
Emily Griffin	Michael Stillwell
Tyler Hallenbeck	Miranda Swinehart
Lindsey Havyer	Seth Thomas
John Johnson	Kayla Wise
Josh Kenline	Ty Wolfel
Katie Kolbmann	Jessica Yednock



Cadets from the ROTC program participated in the Daughters of the American Revolution National Defense Month Program. They gave a demonstration of the flag folding ceremony and explained the symbolism behind each of the elements of folding the flag.

Members of Student Government and the Healthcare Technology classes organized a blood drive in coordination with Miller-Keystone Blood Center and donated 62 pints of blood. The blood donated will help save over 200 lives.



Thank you to the high school cheerleaders for helping at Lincoln's Fall Family Night

High school and middle school cheerleading squads along with coaches Christina Weiss and Tracy Oister conducted a fundraiser for the Susan G. Komen Foundation and raised over \$550.00. They also supported the American Heart Association with a fundraising activity that netted \$450.00. Both squads volunteered community service at the Pottstown Pet Fair and the Lincoln Fall Family Night program. During the winter months, the squads have teamed up with the Pottstown Cluster Outreach for a winter clothes and coat drive.



Members of the squads include:

High School Squad	Middle School Squad	
Joann Auman Alyssa Wanish Sierra Lee Aaliyah Ford Jessica Yednock Alexis Irizarry Katrina Braunsberg Jasmin Gonzalez Hannah Irvin Davajia Williams Brianna Torres Tatum Burmester Troi Daniels Ashli Sinclair	Kyli McKee Alexandra Hickey Lauren Yednock Gianna Epps Tamera Bennett Tiana Bennett Andraya Guy Tyra Robinson	Ceola Smith Emily Jerdon Sara Dudley Rasheeda Williams Rashell Williams Aniya Jackson Thorpe Djali Irizarry Jazmin Brooks

The PHS Trojan Marching Band Color Guard competed in the Exeter Tournament of Bands and received the High Auxiliary Trophy Award in Class 3C.

Members of the Color Guard included:

- Jessica Taylor
- Julie Eckert-Cooper
- Alexis Lafferty
- Amy Bauer
- Kayla Wise
- Rachael Weller
- Crichana Davis
- Kelly O'Donnell
- Lindsey Havyer
- Adriana Douglas
- Jalissa Corum

Runners: Brigette Landis, Zachary Griffin, Danielle Taylor, Emily Greiss (missing from photo).

Color Guard Coordinator: Nancy Mest; Color Guard Design: Felicia Weinfurter & Holly Auman; Assistant: Laurene Williams.



The Pottstown High School ROTC Unit Color Guard was selected by the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association to present "The Colors" at the AAA Football Championships held in Hershey, Pennsylvania. The color guard was led by Sgt. Alexander Bolar, Jr.

Members of the squad included:

- Christopher Greene
- Christopher Kopack
- Joshua Stasik
- Samantha Stotsenburgh
- Angelina Schaff
- Brian Wood
- Devon Bechtel
- Tyler Pace



THANK YOU TO OUR FRIENDS

Thank you to the local Target Store Foundation for their financial support of the PEAK Family Reading Program and assisting in the purchase of books and materials to be used for Family Literacy Nights.

Thank you to our local Costco outlet for supplying 450 student backpacks for all first and second graders in the Pottstown School District.

Thank you to George Jackson and his wife, along with Dr. Jeffrey Sparagana and his wife, for their financial support to purchase 25 subscriptions to Highlights magazine which will be used at Parent Literacy Nights.

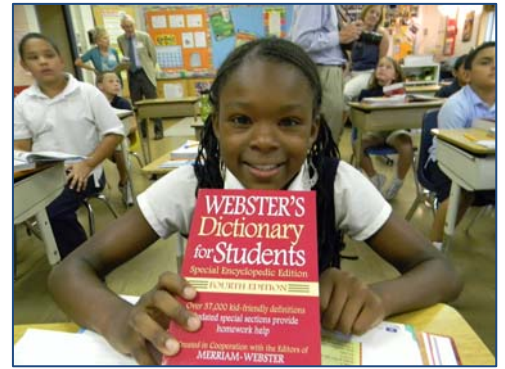
Thank you to Art Fusion 19464 for hosting field trips to view the art display “Threads of a Story: Continued,” which is an artistic display commemorating the Freedom Riders and Bus Boycotters of the 1950’s and 60’s. Fourth graders and middle school students were able to participate in these learning experiences.

Thank you to Exelon Limerick Generating Plant and Tumeka Flanagan, Representative of the Limerick Chapter of Women In Nuclear (WIN), for donating bookbags and school supplies for the Edgewood fifth grade class. WIN is a support group which promotes the development of professional and personal excellence by women in the nuclear energy field.



Thank you to Vanguard Investment Corporation, led by Pottstown High School graduate Lisa Baglivio and Project Sponsor Brian Donadio, for heading a crew of Vanguard volunteers who completed painting and cleanup projects at the middle school and administration building.

Thank you to the Pottstown Rotary Club for their donation of over 250 dictionaries to all fourth grade students in the Pottstown School District. This is the sixth year in a row that the Rotary has supplied personal take-home dictionaries to our students.



Thank you to Susquehanna Bank and Vice President Katrina Belcher for their financial support of the Foundation for Pottstown Education.

Thank you to the employees of Pottstown Memorial Medical Center for their donation of school supplies to Franklin Elementary third grade students. Special thank you to Marian Lippert and Karen Kocher for organizing the project.



Thank you to the Ursinus students and staff for their donation of calculators and school supplies to the Pottstown High School math and science departments. Carol Royce and Professor Victor Tortorelli helped to organize the donation program.

Thank you to Fulton Bank for their generous financial contribution to the Foundation for Pottstown Education in support of early childhood education.



Thank you to Dr. Niraj Patel of the Chiropractic and Wellness Center for his financial support of the Pottstown School District Technology Department.

Thank you to Exelon Limerick Generating Plant for supporting the Foundation for Pottstown Education through a donation of proceeds from their annual golf outing.

POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT ALUMNI HONOR ROLL

The Pottstown School District recently inducted its 27th addition of outstanding alumni into the Alumni Honor Roll. This year's recipients included:

- **Robert B. Davidheiser, Sr., Ph.D.'s** – Received his BS and MS degrees in electrical engineering from the University of California and in 1994 a Ph.D. in both engineering and computer science from LaSalle University. He designed and installed the background music at Disney World, EPCOT Center. He represented the United States in Geneva, Switzerland for his research and inventions in the field Audio and Speech Pathology. While working at AT&T, he designed, invented, and implemented satellite, land global telecommunications, and computer architectures. He developed the standardized Computer Operating System UNIX and Network Protocols for the Department of Defense, US Customs, and the US Postal System Service. He also supervised the design, system assurance, and installation of “Air Force One’s” Global Telecommunications System under the Reagan administration. In 1994, he was instrumental in the development and launching of the IBM Worldwide Internet Division and coordinated the customer technology launch of the Disney IntoVentions Center in Orlando, Florida. In 2005 he retired from IBM where he directed the Division of Strategies for Emerging Technologies and the use of intelligent agents for voice, security, and encryption. In 2010 he accepted a position with Hewlett Packard as Director of Enterprise Architectures where he resides today as a Worldwide Solution Architect.
- **Cathy Calhoun** – Graduate from the Gemological Institute of America and a certified Gemologist Appraiser. She is the President of the American Gem Society. In 2009 she was selected as the Pennsylvania Jeweler of the Year. In addition to owning Calhoun’s Jewelry in Royersford, she owns Avanti Development, a commercial land development company, Main Street Café, and Spring City Elderly Housing. Ms. Calhoun is a board member of the Jewelers Mutual Insurance Company, Jewelers for Children, and the Women’s Jewelry Association. She has appeared on numerous television programs including PBS’s “Antiques Road Show,” ABC’s “Good Morning America,” and World News Tonight. Aside from her passion for jewelry, Cathy is a first degree black belt in Karate, a licensed private pilot, scuba diver, gem hunter, and road rally driver.
- **John R. Gibson** – In 1995 almost 20 years to the day after graduating from high school he received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Maryland in police science. In 1999 he was awarded a Master’s of Science in Administration degree from Central Michigan University. Mr. Gibson is also a graduate of the United States Air Force Air Command and Staff College, Air War College, and the Executive Development Leadership Program. He has also received training as a Spanish linguist having graduated from the Presidio of Monterey California. He began his Air Force career as a security policeman and in 1984 was accepted into the Air Force Office of Special Investigations Program as a special agent. His years of service have included tours in Japan, Honduras, Kuwait, Iraq, Germany, and Italy. As a Senior Counter Intelligence (CI) Resource Manager for the Air Force Office of Special Investigations, he has been involved with conducting felony level criminal, fraud, and counter intelligence investigations and operations for the United States Air Force. As a Senior Manager, he was responsible for the direct supervision and effective management of extensive classified counter intelligence budget and manpower portfolio. Following his service in the military he was hired as a Civilian Special Agent serving in the Pentagon.

- **David Shaner** – Following his passion for the arts, he received a Bachelor of Science degree in art education from Kutztown University and a Master of Fine Arts in ceramic design from Alfred University. He served as an Assistant Professor of Art at the University of Illinois before moving his family west to Montana where he directed the Archie Bray Foundation, steering it to financial stability, maintaining the facility, and continuing its vision to provide serious ceramic artists a fine place to work. For over three decades he made ceramic pottery in his studio and shared his expertise through workshops at numerous universities and art centers across the country. He leaves a legacy of artwork gracing many homes and art museums. His love and commitment to art, music, gardening, nature, and his stewardship of the environment touched and enriched the lives of many friends and colleagues.



From left, honorees and their student presenters: Miranda Somich with Ann Shaner accepting for her husband (David Shaner); Andrew Gazzillo with John Gibson; Cathy Calhoun with Jasheel Brown; Aram Ecker, President of Alumni Honor Roll Committee, accepting for Robert Davidheiser with Megan Schmidt.

The 35th Annual Tri County Area Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame recently honored:

- ❖ **Steve Verbit** – Steve starred at Pottstown High School in both baseball and football. A three year letterman in baseball, he was All-ChesMont his senior season leading the Trojans to their 2nd straight ChesMont crown. He was a two year letterman in football earning All-ChesMont honors his junior and senior years as a DB. The Trojans were ChesMont champs his senior season. He played in the Montgomery County All-Star Game, and the All-Philadelphia Area Classic at Franklin Field. Verbit earned a full scholarship to Delaware and played football there for legendary coach Tubby Raymond. He stayed on after graduation and coached at Delaware for 6 years, and helped lead the Blue Hens to a national championship in 1979. He has been coaching at Princeton for the last 27 years. He has helped develop 15 All-Ivy League players as a Defensive Coordinator, and has served as Defensive Line Coach and Associate Head Coach at Princeton.
- ❖ **Michael Missimer** – Michael was the epitome of the term student-athlete while at Pottstown High School. He excelled in both baseball and basketball as well as in the classroom. He was in the National Honor Society, graduated in the top 5 of his class, and was named Outstanding Student-Athlete in the Class of 1973. He lettered 3 years in both baseball and basketball, and was Captain of both teams his senior year at PHS. He was named All-ChesMont 1st Team, All-Area 1st Team, All-Suburban 1st Team, and Honorable Mention All-State in basketball his senior year in 1973. He went to the University of Pennsylvania where he played basketball in the Ivy League 4 years before graduating with Honors in 1977. He served as a Head Coach and Assistant Coach on the high school level from 1978-1991, in both girls' and men's basketball.
- ❖ **Tommy Harvey** – During Tommy's four year basketball career Pottstown had an unbelievable record of 108-13, including four PAC-10 titles, four District I Titles, two Eastern Championships, and one State Championship. He scored 23 points and had 10 assists in the only state championship in Pottstown history over Valley 85-66. He graduated PHS in 1995 with 1,569 points. He then played at Mansfield University where he posted these incredible numbers. He is the all-time leader in the following: Points-1,778; 3pt Field Goals-253; FTs made-427; Assists-600. He made several All-League and All-American teams at Mansfield University.



Pictured left to right: Michael Missimer, Steve Verbit, and Tommy Harvey
Honorees for the Tri County Chapter go on to become nominees for the Pennsylvania State Sports Hall of Fame.

FALLEN TROJANS



The Pottstown School District is proud of the members of its Trojan family and will honor its deceased alumni by recognizing them and their accomplishments in our "Fallen Trojans" section. Anyone wishing to have alumni recognized should provide appropriate information to:



John J. Armato, Director of Community Relations,
230 Beech Street, Pottstown PA 19464 or email jarmato@pottstownsd.org.

- **Alfred A. Panfile** - Class of 1942 – Al was a devoted husband of Mary Grace (Scheffler) Panfile who was his high school sweetheart and wife for sixty-six years. He was the son of the late August and Angela Marie (Panfile) Panfile. Al had worked as a machinist for Dana Corporation in Pottstown, for over forty years. Al was an outstanding athlete in several sports. After high school he proudly served in the U.S. Navy during both World War II and the Korean War. An active community leader, Al was a member of the Board of Directors and former treasurer for Diamond Credit Union. He served as a union representative for the United Auto Workers Union while working at Dana Corporation. He was a member of Pottstown Borough Council for fifteen years. He was a member and past president of St. Gabriel's Lodge in Stowe, and a member of the former Maria Assunta Lodge of Pottstown. Al was a third degree member of Father Bally Council #1192 Knights of Columbus of Stowe, and a fourth degree member of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen # 3046, Knights of Columbus of Stowe. Al was an avid Philadelphia Eagles, Philadelphia Phillies and Notre Dame University fan. He enjoyed gardening and feeding the birds in his garden. He also loved to go to the casinos and take trips to the mountains.
- **Mary Josephine "Josie" Drumheller** - Class of 1943 - She was the wife of Kenneth C. "Whoop" Drumheller, Sr. Born in Pottstown, PA, she was a daughter of the late Albert Yeagle and the late Mary (Kelly) Yeagle. Josie was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Pottstown. Mrs. Drumheller was an Inspector for Diamond Glass, Royersford for 18 years retiring in 1986, and was also a crossing guard for the Pottstown Police Department six and a half years. Surviving besides her husband of 69 years is a son, Kenneth C., husband of Barbara Drumheller Jr., Pottstown; two daughters, Karyl Ann Holland, South Carolina, and Joann Sell, Pottstown; five grandchildren, Terry L. Sell, Sharon Heydt, Jennifer Drumheller, Todd Drumheller and Michele Holland, and seven great-grandchildren.
- **Constance (Dilliplane) Worrall** - Class of 1961 - Born in Pottstown, Connie was the daughter of the late Gerald and Hulda (Brown) Dilliplane. In high school she was actively involved in high school sports. In her early years, she worked as a secretary for the law firm of Wells, Campbell, Reynier, and Yohn and then later for Evans, Hauseman and Richard Insurance Company in Pottstown. Her career then led her to be an Administrative Assistant for the CIO at Lockheed Martin until her retirement in 2007. Connie was an active member in her local community. She has been a lifelong member of the St. James Lutheran Church in Pottstown. She was a past member of the Pottstown Junior Service League, The Pottstown Area Young Republicans and Meals on Wheels. As her children grew, she was a Girl Scout Leader and active with the Ringing Rocks Elementary School PTO. She was most recently involved in the Pottstown Area Garden Club, Pottstown Relay For Life and the Poppy Cats Red Hat Society. In her early years, Connie enjoyed tennis, playing bridge and crafting. Connie enjoyed vacationing with her family and friends. Her most memorable vacations were spent through the years with her family at Lake Wallenpaupack in the Poconos. She also loved riding her bike on the boardwalk at Ocean City, NJ, with all of her

sisters. In her free time you could find Connie working in her flower garden, but most of all, Connie cherished spending time with her five grandchildren, Matthew, Daniel, Jacob, Zachary and Lindsay. She is survived by her husband of 49 years, Harold (Butch) Worrall; her two daughters, Lisa Knaub and Tricia Korutz, and five grandchildren.

- **Nancy L. (Heimbach) DePrefontaine** - Class of 1947 - Nancy wife of Walter G. DePrefontaine. Born in Pottstown, she was the daughter of the late Elmer T. and Miriam L. (Swede) Heimbach. Nancy was a lifetime member of First Presbyterian Church of Pottstown where she was a member of the choir for 35 years and taught in numerous departments. "Mrs. Dee" was a teacher's aide at North Coventry Elementary School and Owen J. Roberts School District for 25 years, until she retired in 1990. She was a member of The Order of Eastern Star, Schuylkill Chapter No. 338, Pottstown; life member of The Order of Amaranth Pottstown Court No. 113; past president of the Ladies Auxiliary of Nativity Commandery No. 71; Companion of the Temple awarded by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of United States of America for service to Knights Templar of Pennsylvania; charter member of the Social Order of the Beauceant (S.O.O.B.) Elizabethtown Assembly No. 265 - Elizabeth; Grand Cross of Color The Supreme Assembly International Order of Rainbow for girls and served on committee for state convention at Penn State for two years; and served on the adult board of advisors of Rainbow for Girls for 10 years.
- **Patricia L. Rhoads** - Class of 1967 - Born in Endicott, NY, she was the daughter of the late Marvin Thrasher and Ramona, J. (Conklin) Morton, and her stepfather, the late Fred P. Morton. Patricia was a member of the Pottstown 4th of July Parade Committee and the Sanatoga Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary. She was also an avid bowler. She worked as a greeter for the Wal-Mart of Pottstown until 2008.
- **Earl L. Weikel** - Class of 1942 – Earl was the husband of Gladys Y (Yerger) Weikel. Born in Pottstown, he was a son of the late Frank E. and Ethel J. (Straehle) Weikel. Mr. Weikel was employed as a welder with the former Bethlehem Steel Co., for 34 years retiring in 1974. He was a veteran of the United States Navy serving during WWII. Mr. Weikel was a member of Saint John's Lutheran Church, South Pottstown. He was a life member of Pottstown Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #369 and was also a member of Legion of the Moose Lodge. He was a member of the George Amole American Legion Post #47, Pottstown; Sampson WWII Navy Vets, New York; and the Norco Fire Company Clowns. He enjoyed wood crafting in his spare time and was an avid camper.
- **Anna (Demcisak) Miller** – Anna spent most of her life (90 years) as a resident of Pottstown. Anna was one of three children born to the late John M. and Anna O. Demcisak. She was born during the Spanish Flu epidemic of 1918. She attended the Rupert Elementary school in the East End of town. Her 9th grade class was the first to graduate from the new (and still existing) Pottstown Junior High School. She attended Pottstown Senior High School and received her GED in 1983. Anna loved listening and dancing to Big Band Music. She and her friends would spend Saturday summer evenings listening to the Big Bands playing in the Sunnybrook Ballroom. She also enjoyed Roller Skating at Ringing Rocks; where she met her husband of 57 years, Edward T. Miller. Anna was a member of three different Elementary School PTAs as her children went through the school system. Anna was also a member of the Pottstown Garden club, Pottstown Women's Club, and the Transfiguration Lutheran Church Altar Guild.

- **Ethyl Virginia (Yost) Wentzel Renninger** - Class of 1935 - She lived most of her life in Pottstown and Stowe and was the widow of Clarence Wentzel and Ross Renninger. Born in Springfield, MA, she was a daughter of the late Russell P. Yost and the late Viola (Kennedy) Yost. Mrs. Renninger was employed by various businesses in the Pottstown area. She was a former member of Saint Peters Lutheran Church, Pottstown and a former member of Schuylkill Chapter #338 Order of Eastern Star and Order of Ameranth #113. Surviving are four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren as well as many nieces and nephews. In addition to her husbands, she was preceded in death by her sons, Larry A. and Russell S. Wentzel.
- **Thelma "Yada" (White) White** - Class of 1952 - She was the wife of James A. White for 50 years. Born in Pottstown, she was the daughter of the late John W. and Laura (Davis) White. After graduation from Pottstown High School she went to work for Philadelphia Dry Cleaners. She married and moved to Philadelphia in 1962. Yada retired from Fairmount Health Clinic in 1994. She loved watching any sport on TV, and she once belonged to a bowling league. She also played basketball for Pottstown High School and Bethany Center, later called Ricketts Center. She was the High Scorer in both.
- **Verna Olga (Christman) Kinckiner**, was the wife of Edgar L. Kinckiner, who died in 2011. Born in Pottstown, she was a daughter of the late Herbert and Jenny (Fox) Christman. Verna worked for various retail clothing stores in Pottstown. In earlier years, she worked as an operator for Bell Telephone. Mrs. Kinckiner was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ, Pottstown. She enjoyed playing bingo and working on word searches.
- **Diandra Lee Renninger** - Class of 2002 - Born in Pottstown, she was the daughter of Lisa Ann (Barkasi) Renninger and Ray Herb and step daughter of Tim Renninger. While in high school, she participated in flag corps, cheerleading, field hockey, theatre and was a member of the National Honor Society. She then attended West Chester University to study journalism. She was an accomplished writer and enjoyed playing board games, especially Scrabble.
- **William Pershinsky** - Class of 1946 - He was the husband of Marian F. (Spaar) Pershinsky celebrating 61 years of marriage on September 15, 2012. Born in Perkiomenville, he was a son of the late Joseph and Maria (Bezernik) Pershinsky. He was the owner of Paul S. Spaar Inc. car dealership in Palm from 1967 to 1991 and a private pilot for 42 years. His hobbies included farming on the family farm and culinary trips to Europe. Bill was a longtime member of St. Philip Neri Catholic Church, a 45-year member of the Upper Perkiomen Rotary Club, where he served as President for three years and a frequent visitor of the Boyertown Rotary Club. He was also a Board Member for the Industrial Valley Bank in Philadelphia and Penn Securities Company in Allentown.
- **Janice (Crosby) Lachman** - Class of 1944 - She was born July 27, 1926 in Pottstown, a daughter of the late Lloyd and Alice (Hoch) Crosby. On March 25, 1950, in Tyrone she married Harold W. "Hal" Lachman who preceded her in death on Sept. 9, 1994. Janice was a registered nurse at the Bellefonte Hospital and did private duty nursing care for the elderly. She was an ombudsman for Salem Hill Haven and various State College area nursing facilities. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, her flower beds and gardening and going to Bible conferences.

- **Marcia (Baylor) Donnelly** - Class of 1954 - Born in Pottstown, Pa., in 1936, Marcia was the daughter of Anna (Hoffman) and Dr. Charles A. Baylor, both deceased. She was a 1958 graduate of Immaculata College where she received a B.S. in biology. In 1959, she was awarded a scholarship from the Arthritis Foundation to attend the University of Pennsylvania and graduated with a degree in physical therapy. She went on to pursue a fulfilling career for more than 30 years in physical therapy working for the Arthritis Foundation and for the Cerebral Palsy Association helping young children, then at Rest Haven, Leader Nursing Home and Fair Acres Geriatric Center providing therapy to the elderly. Marcia received many awards, including the National Daughters of the American Revolution Scholarship in High School and the National "Who's Who Award in American Colleges" from Immaculata College. Marcia was very active in sports. She played and captained varsity field hockey, basketball and softball at Pottstown High School. At Immaculata College, she was awarded "All Catholic" for field hockey in her sophomore year and played field hockey and basketball all four years. She also served as vice-president of her class for four years. Marcia was an avid lover of golf, the outdoors, hiking and spending quality time with her family and friends and was very active in her grandchildren's lives. She also volunteered at the Fox Hill Farms Association (Good Neighbor Project) helping community residents with medical or health problems. She was the beloved wife of the late Joseph B. Funk.
- **Elmer "Chump" Pollock** - Class of 1938 - Born in Pottstown, he was the son of George and Anna (Koval) Pollock and is predeceased by his wife, Eleanor (Jachowski). Elmer spent two years at Lebanon Valley College before entering the Army Air Force in World War II. Elmer served with the "snoopers" 868th Bombardment Squadron in the South Pacific. After the war, he worked at Bethlehem Steel for 40 years, starting as a clerk and finishing as chief of orders and shipping. Very active in the community, he served on several tax studies for the Pottstown School District and the borough of Pottstown, the Pottstown Planning Commission, and the Pottstown Recreation Board. Elmer was involved with athletics at Pottstown Senior High School for more than 50 years serving as the public address announcer for football and basketball games. He was one of the founders of the Tri-County Area Sports Hall of Fame and also served as a vice president of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame. He received countless awards and recognitions for his many efforts. Elmer also helped St. Pius X High School when it first opened by serving as its first athletic director.
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- **Kathleen Winifred (Treacy) Zezenski** - Class of 1933 - Was the widow of Stephen P. Zezenski. Born and raised in Stowe, she was a daughter of the late James P. and Mary E. (Wilson) Treacy. She was an avid card player, was a member of the Senior Citizens of Saint Gabriel's and Saint Aloysius; and loved to travel with her late husband.
- **Brower B. Yerger Jr.** - Class of 1949 - Brower was the former Mayor of Pottstown. Yerger was born and raised in Pottstown, as were his parents. At Pottstown High School he was the president of his class. Yerger played basketball and baseball in high school and went on to Lafayette College where he played basketball "with the legendary Pete Carril, former Princeton coach, who was also his college roommate and fraternity brother. Yerger was elected to the Pottstown School Board and later served as board president. He was also a member of the Jaycees and the Elks.

- **Dr. Alfred D. Roberts** - Class of 1941 - He was the husband of Mary (Palladino) Roberts, with whom he shared 66 years of marriage. Born in Stowe, PA. After two years at West Chester University studying music, he was drafted by the U.S. Army, completed basic training and sent to the University of Illinois for schooling in languages. He served in the military as a Sergeant in the United States Army and was sent to Europe as a replacement soldier following the D-Day invasion. After a stint of fighting and because of his language training, he was assigned to assist displaced persons to reach their homelands. After the war, he attended Ursinus College as a French major and graduated Valedictorian. He then went on to earn his Master's and Doctoral degrees from the University of Pennsylvania. In 1959, Dr. Roberts was hired by then West Chester State Teachers' College to establish a Department of Foreign Languages. He spent his entire career as a professor, serving a number of years as Department Chair. But his love was teaching and he preferred being in the classroom where he inspired hundreds of students who went on to teach languages across the U.S., many of whom stayed in touch with him throughout the years and were not shy about how he had inspired them with his teaching, his wit, and his love of life. He also established the Junior Year Abroad program for students to study French at the University of Montpellier, France. During the 1970s, Dr. Roberts was President of the Faculty Senate where he acquired a reputation for defending academic freedom and the rights of professors to exercise free speech without fear of reprisal. He was an active member of St. Agnes Parish in West Chester and wrote a history of the parish on the occasion of its 200th Anniversary. He also volunteered at the St. Agnes Day Room, where he conducted a poetry workshop. He also became an avid runner and was often recognized and greeted throughout West Chester as he completed his daily 3-mile run. But more than anything else, he enjoyed spending time with his extensive family, who dearly loved his warm and generous spirit and his ability to laugh and to inspire and advise them.



- **Florence Alice (Baker) Keim** - Florence is the daughter of the late Louisa Sophie Rochat Baker and the late Daniel Hatfield Baker of Ringing Hill, and the wife of the late Fremont Umstead Keim of Sanatoga, PA. Mrs. Keim is a graduate of Pottstown High School, and the Pottstown Business School. She was employed by Jacobs Aircraft and Spicers Corporations and retired from both the Firestone Plastics Corporation and the Occidental Petroleum Corporation. Florence was an active member of the Tri County Fish & Game - Frontier Archer's Association and the Pottstown Salvation Army where she was president of the auxiliary. Florence was an avid bridge player and an enthusiastic member of the Firestone and Occidental Retiree's Association

- **Dina Browne** - Class of 1984 - She was born on April 16, 1967 in Pottstown, PA, the daughter of Merle Browne and Connie (MacNeill) Browne. She is survived by two daughters, Samantha Dunning and Erynn Dunning; a son, Jeremy Gadd; two brothers, Mark Browne and Kevin Browne, husband of Tanya; a grandmother, Olive MacNeill; one niece and five nephews; aunts, uncles, and cousins. She had a Bachelor's degree in psychology from Chestnut Hill College and was English teacher certified from Alvernia. She loved digging for rocks, dancing to Kevin's band, watching game shows with her children, and teaching.

- **Pershing "Jack" Foch Elliott** - Class of 1937 - was born December 24, 1918 in Pottstown, PA, at home, the oldest son of Frank K. and Della A. (Hallman) Elliott. He met Rachael Dorothy Frymoyer at Jesse Slonaker's home, a mutual friend. They married August 10, 1940. Jack served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Then he worked at Doehler's for 15 years until he became ill. Jack was an excellent bread maker. He loved to go hiking, fishing, and camping. Rachael and Jack raised their four children in their home at 326 Jefferson Ave.
- **Irma Jane (Carter) Moyer** - Class of 1950 - was the wife of Paul W. Moyer for 62 years. The daughter of the late Charles E. and Lena M. (Stewart) Carter. Jane was a member of Falkner Swamp Reformed Church of the United Church of Christ in Gilbertsville. Jane worked as secretary with her husband's home building business, Paul W. Moyer & Sons, Inc. since 1954. The center of her life was her home and family. She was a talented seamstress and homemaker. Her greatest joy was family gatherings and trips to Sullivan County.
- **Muriel K. Pike** - Class of 1943 - Born in Pottstown, PA, she was the daughter of the late Leroy and Myrtle Prutzman. She studied vocal music for many years and was a soprano soloist in local choral groups, opera companies, and church choirs in the Pottstown, Reading and Philadelphia areas. Muriel was married to the Rev. Robert C. Pike for 64 years. She was very active in the churches that her husband served in the Philadelphia and Reading areas until he retired from ministry in 1987 while serving Holy Cross UMC in Reading.
- **Richard J. Rees** - Class of 1946 – Richard was the husband of Olga S. (Symanovich) Rees. Born in Sanatoga, PA, he was a son of the late John S. Rees and the late Verna C. (Schlichter) Rees. Mr. Rees worked as a foreman for the former Bethlehem Steel Company for thirty years until his retirement, and also worked for Allied Tank in Collegeville. He served in the Merchant Marines, was a member of Falkner Swamp United Church of Christ, Gilbertsville, the Benevolent and Protective order of the Elk's Lodge #814, Pottstown, and was a A.P.B.A. stock outboard boat racer and builder, and enjoyed boating on the Chesapeake Bay.
- **June A. Ellis** - Class of 1948 - Born in Pottstown, PA, she was a daughter of the late Roland S. Ellis and the late Anna M. (Bonz) Ellis Willauer. June was a switchboard operator for the former Bell Telephone Co. and retired from Sun Oil Co., Philadelphia, where she worked as a switchboard operator and clerk. She was a member of Colebrookdale Chapel, Boyertown.
- **Ruth Gladys Gross Galler** - Class of 1937 - She was the wife of the late Paul Gross and Israel Edward Galler. Born in Philadelphia, PA, she was a daughter of the late Maurice Miller and Anna (Krasnick) Miller. She attended business school in Philadelphia. Ruth was a very positive person and well loved by many. She had a good sense of humor, enjoyed playing bridge and other card games. A Lifetime member of Congregation Mercy & Truth Synagogue, she was past president of the Jewish Women's League and headed the catering committee. She taught Sunday school for many years. She enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a former member of the Century Club and Brookside Country Club, where she played golf.

- **Marion J. (Hoffecker) Torrens** - Class of 1943- She was the widow of James Torrens Jr. She was a daughter of the late John Hoffecker and the late Marilyn (Bishop) Hoffecker. She graduated from the Pottstown School of Business. Mrs. Torrens worked as a caregiver for the former Pennhurst State Hospital for 22 years and was a switchboard operator and admissions clerk for Pottstown Memorial Medical Center for 25 years until her retirement. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church.



FALLEN TROJAN STAFF



- **Richard J. "Sunshine" Havyer**, 82, widower of Joanne (Safko). Born in Johnstown, PA, he was the son of the late Joseph and Catherine (Rhoads) Havyer. He was a 1948 graduate of Johnstown High School. Mr. Havyer had first worked as a machinist for the Bethlehem Steel Corporation in Johnstown, PA. He was most known as a deliveryman for the Tastykake Company for 35 years. After Tastykake, he worked as a teacher's assistant in the woodworking department and also drove school bus for the Pottstown School District for 10 years. He also had worked delivering the Philadelphia Bulletin newspaper with his children in the area. Mr. Havyer also ran the U Needa Cabinet woodworking business. He was a member of St. Aloysius R.C.C. Beech and Hanover Streets Pottstown. He was a third degree member of Father Bally Council # 1192 Knights of Columbus of Stowe, PA, and a fourth degree member of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Assembly # 3046, Knights of Columbus of Stowe. He was a member with his late wife Joanne of the former Newcomers Club of Pottstown. In his younger days he attended the major league spring training camp for umpires in Florida, and he was a semi-pro umpire for baseball for both men and women. He was a University of Pittsburgh Panther season ticket holder and an avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan. He loved his children and grandchildren and as they have said loved life in general.
- **Robert Kovach**, 79, was husband of Nancy (Mansur) Kovach for 58 years. Born in Phoenixville, he was the son of the late Alex and Emma (Nagy) Kovach. Robert was the VoTech teacher in the machine shop at Pottstown High School for 26 years, retiring in 1991. He received his BS in education at Temple University, and was a Korean War Army veteran serving from 1954 to 1956. He was a member of St. Paul's UCC in Pottstown where he was a deacon and an elder. Robert was also a member of the Phoenixville F & AM Lodge #75 where he obtained his 32nd Degree, the Tall Cedars in Spring City, Friendship Fire Co in Phoenixville, and the William Penn Fraternal Assoc., Lehigh Consistory. He was an avid hunter and fisherman, enjoyed bowling and all his life was known for growing Hungarian hot peppers.

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Jeff Endy, Class of 2011, is a sophomore at Ursinus College, majoring in mathematics, and is a member of the Ursinus football team. Jeff was named "Defensive Player of the Game" by his coaches during the Ursinus vs. Franklin and Marshall.

Nick Maloney, Class of 2009, is a senior attending Kutztown University and as a member of the football team was named a Pre-Season All-American.

Rashaad Lighty, Class of 2012, is attending Delaware Valley College and is a member of the varsity football team.

Cory Hueber, Class of 2012, is attending McDaniel College and is a member of the varsity football team.

Tony Rivera is a PHS Grad and was a leader on our Wrestling Team. As a Trojan Wrestler he learned that Team is bigger then and more important then I. Tony is another example of the quality students in the Pottstown School District and another reason why we say "PROUD TO BE FROM POTTSTOWN!" Once a TROJAN, a TROJAN for life.

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Samantha Marcheskie, Class of 2007, is a 2011 graduate of Ursinus College with a degree in international relations. She is presently competing in the Miss Pennsylvania contest.

Lyndsey Sabold, Class of 2012, is the recipient of the Shippensburg University Evelyn R. Walck Memorial Scholarship. Lyndsey is majoring in Applied Physics.

Trenton Clifford, Class of 2012, is attending Delaware Valley College and is a member of the wrestling team. He recently placed fourth at the Ursinus Fall Brawl Tournament.

Seth Pihanich, Class of 2008, is a 2012 graduate of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Science in Health and Physical Education with a concentration in Sports Administration and Recreation Administration and a minor in Speech and Communication.

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