

# POTTSTOWN PRIDE

ACADEMICS AND ACTIVITIES  
PARTNERS FOR EDUCATIONAL  
EXCELLENCE



## FALL 2016

**Our Mission:** *Prepare each student, by name, for success at every level.*

## POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT POINTS OF PRIDE FALL 2016

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.**

**For more information about Pottstown School District, visit our website at [www.PottstownSchools.org](http://www.PottstownSchools.org) or call 610-323-6274.**

**[We Are Pottstown!!!](#)**

### **FOOTBALL**

Click on the link and read what PHS senior [Marvin](#) Pearson has to say about Pottstown and why he came back to graduate from PHS. His is a story of courage and the way that his class and teammates encourage him.



#### **Blindness can't sack Pottstown running back**

Pottstown's [Marvin Pearson](#) (#28) started losing his sight at eight and was completely blind two years later. During that time, he inexplicably also lost his hearing. Now, at 18, he is a senior at Pottstown High School after spending three years at the Overbrook School for the Blind, and plays football. He scored a 65-yard touchdown and two-point conversion in recent games - by Kathy Boccella, Staff Writer - Philadelphia Inquirer.

The Reading Eagle Tells the Story of Marvin Pearson's Visit with "[The Saints](#)"!



## **A touchdown for fans of any team will stand and cheer for!**

It's easy to see football at Pottstown High School is a team sport. Everything has to line up just right for the perfect play like a much-needed touchdown, during a homecoming game.

"Everybody was yellin, Marvin! Let's go Marvin!" remembers Sophomore Dominique Durant.

**Marvin Pearson was the guy who made the touchdown that night. He's clearly a star, well-loved by his fellow students. That's easy to see. What you do not see at first, is that Marvin can't see. [Marvin's Story...](#)**

Marvin lost his sight at 10 years old. "You know, that's the only time I ever cried," Marvin tells us.

But he says, what frustrated him, drove him. "It mentally helped me mature," he says.

When Marvin wanted play football, Coach Gary Rhodenbaugh Jr. signed him up.

His teammates, embraced it, embraced him. Which leads to the big moment - the homecoming game.

Things weren't going too well for Pottstown. They were down 48 to 0, when the rival coach across the field, had an idea.

"He said, 'Listen, you know, if you want to give Marvin that opportunity to run the football, we would love to be a part of that,'" Coach Rhodenbaugh says.

"I hit the right side of the hole and as soon as I got past our offensive linemen, I just exploded!" Marvin tells us.

This could be the end to our story, a fairy tale touchdown for the guy who'd never had one before. But Marvin said he wasn't sure he wanted that moment.

"I'm sure people are going to remember me as a blind person playing football. But I'd like to be remembered as a football player playing football," he admits.

But that night, his coach reminded him, "I said, you know Marvin, I think this is a sign of respect," he says.

Maybe it wasn't with the guys were going to do for him but instead their way of saying thank you for what Marvin does for them.

"I look at him more as a leader," says Durant.

"He's always on the side, cheering us on, and everything," Junior Austin Andrews says.

He has a vision, his whole team looks up to.

"This isn't any ordinary football team. This is a family, that's the only way to put it," Marvin says.

And just like that, everything in football lines up.

Click to hear [Marvin's](#) well spoken account of his story and you will have another reason to say *Proud to be from Pottstown*. Special thanks to Pottsgrove Coach Rick Pennypacker and his team for being part of a lifelong memory and display of sportsmanship.

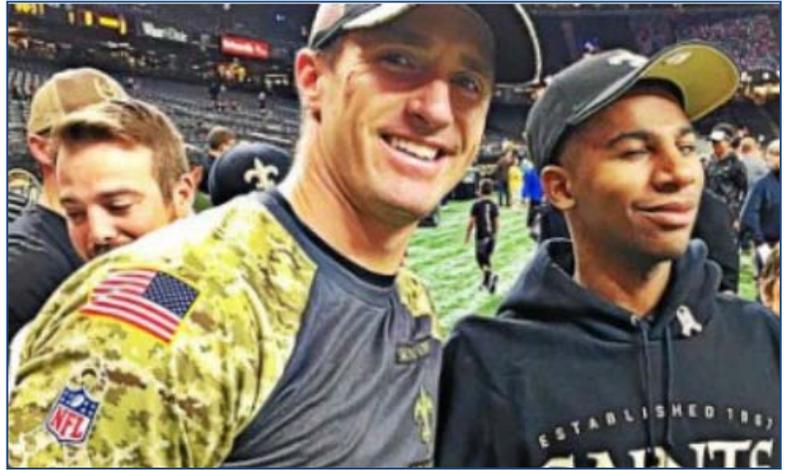
Marvin Pearson proves everyday that the saying, "Where there is a will there is a way," is more than just a motivational statement; it is a way of life that leads to success and happiness. Click on the link to see and hear what CBS found out about one of the reasons we say *Proud to be from Pottstown*. **High School Athlete Overcomes Incredible Odds Just To Play – [Marvin Pearson](#)**

Marvin Pearson told his amazing story of courage and determination to the nation when he appeared on the [Ellen DeGeneres Show](#). Marvin's story is much more than a sight impaired player scores a touchdown. It is another example of how our students, staff and community come together for One Goal One Team One Town and it gives us all good reason to say Proud to be from Pottstown.



Pottstown High School's Marvin Pearson has defied the odds all his life.

[Marvin Gets Some Help from Saints to Inspire Others!](#) Marvin Pearson continues to tell his Pottstown Story in hopes of inspiring others to reach for the stars, this week he got some help from the NFL New Orleans Saints.



[Marvin Pearson's story](#) of courage and determination was told around the country and inspired many.

The Mercury named his story as the #1 Mercury sports story of the year.



## **Pottstown School District has a PAL in athletics:**

Click on the following link: [Pottstown PAL](#) celebrates last home game with Student Athlete Appreciation Day!



## **“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 2016 Season:**

- August 27<sup>th</sup> – Isaiah Mayes
- September 3<sup>rd</sup> – Ernest McCalvin
- September 17<sup>th</sup> – Aaron Diamond
- October 1<sup>st</sup> – Marvin Pearson
- October 22<sup>nd</sup> – Tom Doyle
- October 29<sup>th</sup> – Hunter Williams

The Pottstown High School Football players, along with coaches and members of the Touchdown Club, raised funds to sponsor seven families in the district with all the supplies for Thanksgiving dinner.

Team members shopped, sorted, packed and delivered the meals.

Win or lose ~ teaching our players to be better men. Proud to be from Pottstown!





Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference First Team All-Division Frontier- Defense

- Ernest McCalvin – Defensive Line
- Isaiah Mayes - Linebacker

Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference Second Team All-Division Frontier- Offense

- Isaiah Mayes – Running Back
- Larry Wingo – Running Back
- Tom Doyle – Offensive Line

Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference Second Team All-Division Frontier- Defense

- Jamal Adams – Defensive Back
- Aaron Diamond – Defensive Back
- Larry Wingo – Defensive Back

Named to The Mercury All Area Second Team - Offense

- Isaiah Mayes – Running Back

Named to The Mercury All Area Second Team - Defense

- Isaiah Mayes – Linebacker
- Ernest McCalvin – Defensive Line

Named to The Mercury All Area Honorable Mention Team – Offense

- Larry Wingo – Running Back
- Tom Doyle – Offensive Line

Named to The Mercury All Area Honorable Mention Team – Defense

- Aaron Diamond – Defensive Back

**Javontae Tinson** was recognized as the Pottstown Outstanding Player by the [Tall Cedars](#) of Lebanon Forest. In presenting the award, Coach Gary Rhodenbaugh said, “Javontae was our most valuable player and selected by his teammates to be captain. He was a solidifying factor for our offensive line.”



**ROYERSFORD** >> Eight Pioneer Athletic Conference football players were honored during the 75th annual Tall Cedars of Lebanon Forest No. 34 Football Night at the Masonic Lodge in Royersford on Wednesday night.

## PHS football players earned honors on the All Pioneer Athletic Conference Team



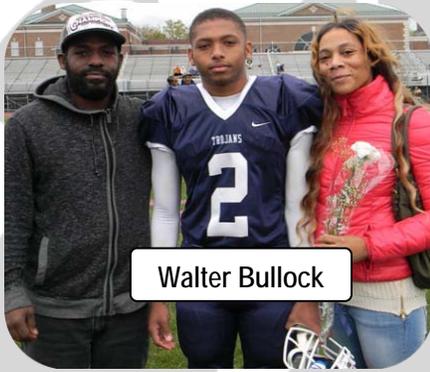
Back row: Aaron Diamond, Coach Rhodenbaugh, Jamal Adams

- ★ **Isaiah Mayes** was recognized as the Frontier Division Defensive Player of the Year.
- ★ **Nyles Rome** received the All Academic Award.
- ★ **Marvin Pearson** was named the recipient of the David L. Freed Award, which goes to a senior who embodies dedication, self improvement and unquestioning faith.

### Position awards were presented to:

<u>Offense</u>	<u>Defense</u>
2nd Team Running Back - Isaiah Mayes	1st Team Defensive Line - Ernest McCalvin
2nd Team Running Back - Larry Wingo	1st Team Linebacker - Isaiah Mayes
2nd Team Offensive Line - Tom Doyle	2nd Team Defensive Back - Jamal Adams
	2nd Team Defensive Back - Larry Wingo
	2nd Team Defensive Back - Aaron Diamond

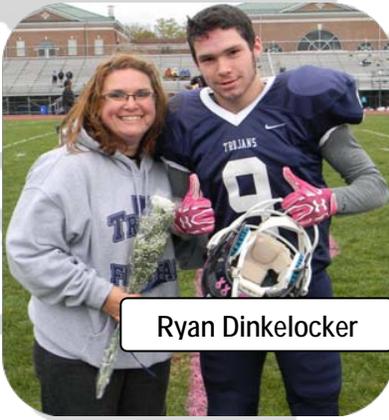
**Football Players Senior Day Photos:**



Walter Bullock



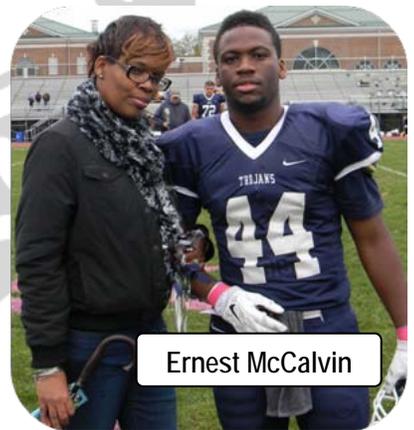
Jaylen Chestnut



Ryan Dinkelocker



Isaiah Mayes



Ernest McCalvin



Draeden Musso

Marvin Pearson



Javontae Tinson



Nyles Rome



Hunter Williams

**Football Cheerleaders Senior Day Photos:**



Tamera Bennet



Tiana Bennet

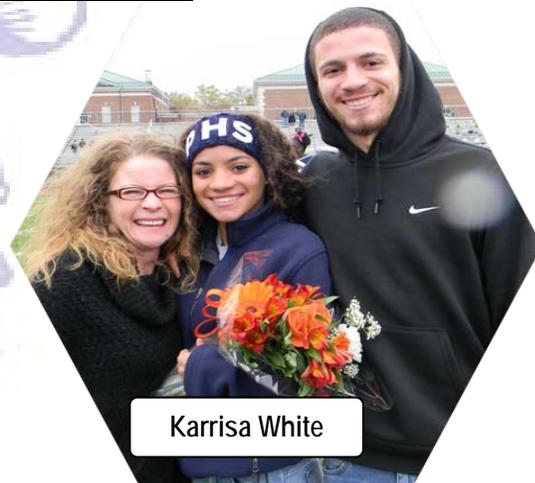


Jazmin Brooks

**Football Game Managers Senior Day Photos:**



Alex Hickey



Karrisa White

# GIRLS' FIELD HOCKEY

Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference Second Team All-Division Frontier  
➤ Da'zah Registers

Named to The Mercury All Area Honorable Mention Team  
➤ Da'zah Registers



## Senior Day Photos:



Taylor Mickletz



Khaleh Jeter



Janna Jones



FIELD HOCKEY

# BOYS' SOCCER

Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference Second Team All-Division Frontier

➤ Manuel Paez

Named to The Mercury All Area Honorable Mention Team

➤ Manuel Paez



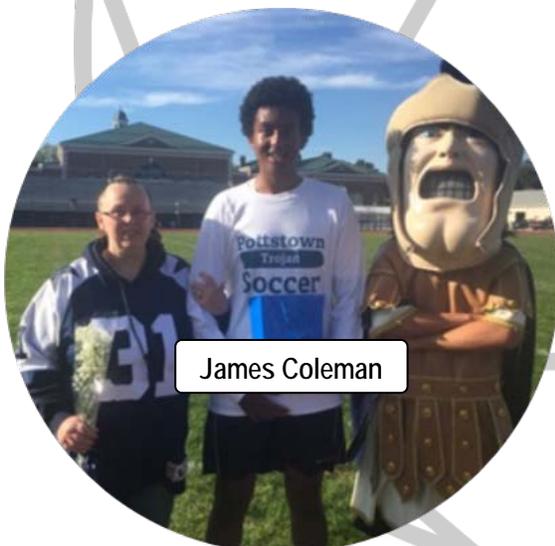
## Senior Day Photos:



Eddie Butler



Rashad Cole



James Coleman



Kenil Patel

# GIRLS' SOCCER

Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference First Team All-Division Frontier ➤ Emme Wolfel

Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference Second Team All-Division Frontier ➤ Ebony Reddick

Named to The Mercury All Area Second Team ➤ Emme Wolfel

Named to The Mercury All Area Honorable Mention Team ➤ Ebony Reddick



## Senior Day Photos:



Racheal and Sara Levengood



Givonah Mitchell



Angel Olvera



## GIRLS' TENNIS

### Senior Day Photos:



Alivia Lopez

Ashley Adams

## CROSS COUNTRY

### Named to The Mercury All Area Girls' Cross Country Honorable Mention Team

- Yuliza Cruz

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

- Khalif Burgess

### Senior Day Cross Country Photos:



Left to right: Yuliza Cruz, Katherine McCoy Swinehart, Ashley Adams, and Josh Gery  
(Coach Agnew and Coach Hill)

## PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE ALL ACADEMIC TEAM

- Cheerleading
  - Boys' Cross Country
  - Girls' Cross Country
  - Field Hockey
  - Football
  - Boys' Soccer
  - Girls' Soccer
  - Girls' Tennis
- Emily Jerdon
  - Nick Wilson
  - Yuliza Cruz
  - Jayla Holloway
  - Nyles Rome
  - Kenil Patel
  - Racheal Levensgood
  - Abigail Richter



## PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE FALL CITIZEN ATHLETE AWARD

- Jaylen Chestnut



## YWCA Tribute to Exceptional Girls

Congratulations to the young ladies honored at the YWCA Tribute to Exceptional Girls. They were honored for making a difference at their schools and communities. After reading about our students you will have another reason to say Proud to be from Pottstown.

A total of 18 girls from area schools in grades 4th through 12th were nominated for awards in several categories including the arts, health and wellness and having an impact on their peers.

Pottstown High School senior Yuliza Cruz, 17, won the Health and Wellness Award for the high school age category. Cruz does both track and cross country. She said it's such a relief every time she completes a race and crosses the finish line. Cruz also achieves in her studies.

She takes dual enrollment classes at Montgomery County Community College.

"Believe in yourself. Trust your abilities and work hard," is the advice Cruz has for girls that want to be exceptional.

The remaining award winners and their categories are as follows:

- The Arts, Elementary School — Shyloh Dugan is a 4th grader at Barth Elementary. She enjoys taking piano lessons even with her arm being recently broken.
- Health and Wellness, Elementary School — Rosario Clemens is a 4th grader at Barth Elementary School and a member of the Trojan Basketball Clinic.
- The Arts, Middle School — Jolyn Pena is a 7th grader of Pottstown. She's a dedicated gymnast and competes in solo and group dance competitions.
- Coretta Scott King Award, Middle School (Given to a girl that demonstrates herself as an agent of change) — Kennedy White is an 8th grader of Pottstown. She volunteers to feed the homeless, participates in food drives and helped set up an anti-bullying program at her school.
- Health and Wellness, Middle School — Tyonna Brown is a 7th grader of Pottstown. She's a basketball player and has been named "Most Athletic" at her school.
- Additional S.T.E.M. Award, High School — Hannah Paczkowski is a 10th grader of Pottstown. She participated in a two-week summer camp for neuroscience studies at the University of Drexel Medical College in Philadelphia.



## STAFF and DISTRICT AWARDS

Congratulations to Dulcie Rothermel, Supervisor of Elementary Special Education, on being inducted into the [West Chester University Sports Hall of Fame](#). The lessons learned on the athletic field lead to a lifetime of success. Click on the link above to view her college lacrosse accomplishments. As a Special Education major she also earned Academic Honor Roll. We are Proud to have you on the Pottstown team!



Congratulations to Carol Brightbill, from our Technology Department, on being selected as the winner of the TriCounty Community Network Photo Contest. Carol was entered in the category of: We Honor: A Sense of Place. Our community is filled with places that remind us that we are better today.

Bob Fine, of Lincoln Elementary School, was one of over 80 PSD staff who was invited by Pottstown PAL Football to be honored at the last home game of the season.



Mr. Bob as he is known at Lincoln has helped to raise generations of our community's young people. Bob's commitment to our schools, students, teachers, parents and community can give us all another reason to say "Proud to be from Pottstown."

Special "thanks" to all who took part in the ["Walk In."](#) You are helping to tell our story. Our children deserve to have a fair opportunity to become successful adults and our community should not have to be overtaxed by an unfair state school funding system. Our voice must be heard for the sake our children and community – One Goal One Team One Town.

Pottstown schools rally for [fair school funding](#).



After just celebrating her 94th birthday Marge Foley is still showing her “We Are Pottstown Pride.”



Marge was born and raised in Pottstown. Her three children, along with several of her grandchildren, attended Rupert Elementary School. For the last 13 years she has given back to the community as a Golden Sage and Foster Grandmother volunteer. You can find her everyday working with our students to help them gain the skills they need to be successful.



Acting Superintendent Stephen Rodriguez presented Marge with his monthly Superintendent's Award.

“At Rupert Elementary School, you are helping to build the next generation of leaders and you are a role model for both young and old as you continue to display a positive attitude every single day,” Rodriguez said.

Noting that Foley is also an alum of Pottstown Schools, Rodriguez said, “You are a testament to this community's energy and to the good people who live here.”

Afterward, Rodriguez noted, “What a wonderful person. I hope to have Mrs. Foley's infectious positive attitude when I get near her age.”

## **Partners Receive Tri County Chamber of Commerce Award**

The Pottstown School District, in partnership with the Borough of Pottstown, was recognized by the Chamber of Commerce for their joint effort to support our community through economic development. A joint District-Borough committee was formed to develop a tax incentive program (LERTA) to encourage businesses to locate in the borough. Economic development is the key to our future success.

***One Goal One Team One Town***



Congratulations to Barth Elementary 4th grade teacher [Brad Mayberry](#) for being featured in the Reading Eagle's "In Our Schools" section. Brad is an outstanding educator and a role model for his students and peers.



**Special to the Reading Eagle:** Sandi Yanisko | Brad Mayberry, a fourth grade teacher at Barth Elementary School, at Manatawny Park in Pottstown during a class field trip where the students were learning about water quality. 16,

**I grew up in:** Upper Pottsgrove Township.

**I now live in:** West Pottsgrove Township.

**Family:** Wife, Bridget; three daughters, Brenna, Kaitlyn and Karrigan; and our Chesapeake Bay retriever, Bella.

**Education:** Pottsgrove High School, University of Pittsburgh for undergraduate and LaSalle University for my master's degree.

**How I spend my free time:** I am a big Philly sports fan: Eagles, Phillies, Flyers the Union, and yes, even the 76ers. When I'm not watching sports, I enjoy playing soccer and coaching my daughters.

**Teacher who inspired me:** I consider my father my best and most inspiring teacher for the lessons he taught me on the value of hard work, perseverance and sense of duty for family and country. As far as in school, my fourth-grade teacher, Dave Uhas, really impacted me. He made learning and being in school fun and helped me mature as a young man. His dedication and enthusiasm are some of the biggest reasons I wanted to be, and now am, a fourth-grade teacher.

**What I find most meaningful about teaching fourth-graders:** It is so rewarding to work with fourth-graders because they are starting to mature and are ready to accept responsibility in their education and around the school. Since they are the oldest in the school, they are asked to be leaders. Whether they are showing younger students the proper way to walk in the hallway or how to be patient in line, I encourage them to be role models.

**Funniest classroom moment:** One of the funnier moments of my teaching career happened at my first faculty meeting. I was sitting at a student desk getting ready for the principal to introduce me to the rest of the staff. Just before she called my name for me stand up and greet the staff, my grade-level partner, Mrs. Alutius, knocked her coffee cup over spilling it across the desk and down the front of my shirt and pants. It really lightened the mood for me.

**If I weren't an educator, I'd be:** Since I am such a big sports fan, I always thought that a career in sports management or sports medicine would suit me. I've been involved in team sports all my life and would enjoy the opportunity to help put athletes in position to succeed and achieve their goals on the field.

**You might not know:** I was actually accepted to the University of Pittsburgh with a major in engineering and spent three years in the mechanical engineering department. In high school, I was really good at math and science, so I assumed that engineering was a good path to follow. As much as I enjoyed that program, I finally realized that it was not my passion. In high school and college, I spent my summers working as a summer playground coordinator in Pottsgrove and loved working with kids. I decided to make a change for my future. I'm so glad I decided to pursue teaching as a career.

*In Our Schools is a weekly feature spotlighting teachers and administrators educating students in Tri-County schools*

## ELEMENTARY

Thanks to Mr. Moyer and the Rupert staff for sharing highlights from the first week of the 2016-17 school year. Great things are happening in our schools every day. When we tell “Our Story,” people will know why we say Proud to be from Pottstown!

[Opening Day Video](#)

[First Week Video](#)

Alyssa Broughton, Colin White, Sarah Heater, Jeremyah Piraino, Tyson Robbins, and Emma Allan are students at Rupert Elementary School and as we start the new school year they show their “We Are Pottstown” Pride and also show they have a sense of humor.

**We can all use some pride and humor!**



Mrs. Kelli Wolfel's third grade students at Barth Elementary School are showing their “We Are Pottstown” Pride. The class wore their shirts in a show of community pride and in support of awareness of childhood cancer, as they took the twist challenge. Our future leaders are another reason to say Proud to be from Pottstown!



## Rupert Elementary September Students of the Month



## Rupert Elementary I'MPACT Winners

A huge thank you to everyone who came on our 1st marking period I'MPACT visits!!!



<u>Pre- Kindergarten</u> -	Jaelyn Ward
<u>Kindergarten</u> -	Jaden Desvarioux
<u>1st Grade</u> -	Frances Wasson
<u>2<sup>nd</sup> Grade</u> -	Ashiah Brown
<u>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</u> -	Aubrey Andrews-Watkins
<u>4<sup>th</sup> Grade</u> -	Davani Hering

Staff who came along:

- Mr. Moyer
- Mrs. Gresko
- Mrs. Bartolucci
- Mrs. Oxenford
- Mrs. Bauman
- Mr. Strohecker,
- Miss Valenti
- Ms. Dotterer
- Mrs. Stephenson.

## Lincoln Elementary I'MPACT Winners

Lincoln faculty went out into the community to surprise their students for doing such a great job in their classroom and around school. Each student was given a certificate that was made by their teachers identifying the qualities that showed why they were being recognized for being good citizens. They also received a cozy pal and Pottstown swag.

<u>Kindergarten</u> –	Justin Horne, Mason Berry, Jaida Wright
<u>First Grade</u> –	Lucy Zuniga, Joell Lamarre, Henry McConnell
<u>Second Grade</u> –	Aubree Thiele, Sebastian Bray, Sionne Worrell-Tilgham
<u>Third Grade</u> –	Spencer Steed, Lily Garber, Kody Hoffmann
<u>Fourth Grade</u> –	Brody Brill, Erika Lorrea, Alex Guardado



Students at Lincoln Elementary took Mrs. Boyer's "Reading Challenge" and exceeded the 500 book challenge by reading 800 books during the first marking period. As their reward, students who read over 25 books were designated as "Pie Delivery Persons" and had the opportunity to "pie" Mrs. Boyer at a school-wide assembly.



**Congratulations to the GOTR Team (Girls On The Run) for a successful fundraiser - One Goal One Team One Town. The team raised \$678; top fundraisers were Maggie DiPietro and Layla Bearden.**



Students and staff at Barth Elementary School honored members of our Military, both past and present, for their service to our country with a red, white and blue tribute.

We can never repay nor forget the sacrifice that the men and women of the Military have made so we may remain safe and free.



### **National Walk to School Day**

All of our elementary schools took part in this healthy event.  
Good to see partners working together for a healthier Pottstown.  
More reason to be Proud to be from Pottstown.

[Rupert](#) Hits the Road for International Walk to School Day.  
Thanks to GVF Transportation for helping to tell our story of community partnership.

Thanks to all the grandparents who are our partners in education. The support you give and the wisdom you share will help put our young people on the road to adult success. Thanks to the folks at Rupert for sharing their [Grandparent Day slide show!](#) This is a great way to say "thank" you and another reason to say, "Proud to be from Pottstown."

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

Pottstown Middle School fifth grader Jonathan Moser shows his We Are Pottstown Pride and his healthy fruit dessert on the first day of school for the 2016-17 year. Jonathan is just one of our 3,200 students who give us reason to say - Proud to be from Pottstown!



Samantha Mazzie's middle school life skills class and the high school life skills class of 23 students and 10 staff members attended a special shopping day at Boscov's followed by a lunch at the Brick House in Pottstown on Tuesday, December 6th. While having lunch, they were approached by a manager who informed them that a gentleman having his lunch there wanted to treat our entire group to a free lunch. Staff and students were overwhelmed by his generosity and kindness. Several students visited him at his table to thank him along with staff members.



# HIGH SCHOOL

## Pottstown High School Recognized in National Rankings

U.S. News & World Report Magazine released its annual survey of high schools across the nation recently and Pottstown High School received a bronze rating. That means PHS ranks in the top third of over 20,000 high schools across the nation, according to the magazine's ranking system. U.S. News & World Report ranks schools based on performance in their state assessments and how well they prepare all students for college and career. Congratulations to Pottstown High School's students, staff, parents and community partners on being recognized by U.S. News and World Report as a Bronze Medal school.



Our Trojan Men are out building "We Are Pottstown" school and community spirit. One Goal One team One Town - another reason to say Proud to be from Pottstown! Click on the link for pictures and video - [Trojan Man!](#)

**Mascots for a Cure** - The twist 36 second twist challenge helps to raise funds to fight childhood cancer. Click here to see [Elementary principals take the challenge!](#)

Pottstown High School students and staff showed their commitment to our community last week when they took part in the Miller Keystone Blood Drive. Thirty-Five units of blood were collected and will be used by our local hospital. Each unit can be used in life saving measures for three people. This Thanksgiving 105 people will enjoy a happy holiday because Pottstown School District cares. One Goal-One Team-One Town-Proud to be from Pottstown.



**National Honor Society**, under the direction of sponsor Mr. Robert Decker, inducted 23 new members to the organization in a candle lighting ceremony. In order to be considered a member of the National Honor Society, a student must have a GPA of at least 93% and fill out a personal data sheet which indicates that they have demonstrated their participation in the four pillars of National Honor Society which are academics, character, leadership, and service. The applications are reviewed by a panel of faculty members who give final approval.



Students inducted were:

Asgar Bin Ali	Subrina Ali	London Aquino	Mitchell Aquino
Jakhaya Beckham	Jacob Bosko	Elsie Cannell	Gabriel Francis
Mary Gery	Jennifer Hainsey	Emily Jerdon	Rachel Lees
Alivia Lopez	Martin Metzger	Aubrey Miller	Manuel Paez
Courteney Parry	Julianna Roseo	Hannah Shankle	Taylor Sundstrom
Emmanuel Toussaint	Abigail Welder	Br'Anna Williams	



## TROJANS Show they "CARES"

Volunteers took to the streets of Pottstown to help beautify the town they call home. The Fourth annual **Pottstown CARES** fall cleanup drew about 700 volunteers from The Hill School, Pottstown School District, Montgomery County Community College and other entities to work on a variety of projects. CARES is an acronym for Community, Awareness, Responsibility, Empowerment, and Sustainability.



Our student representatives to the School Board, Nyles Rome and Jaylin Chestnut attended the PASA-PSBA Leadership Conference in Hershey. As student delegates, they took part in hot topic discussions during a simulated board meeting. Topics covered included bullying, safety, athletic/extracurricular eligibility and social media. Thank you to School Board member Mr. Ron Williams and High School teacher Mr. Mark Agnew for providing guidance and support to our students and for their participation in the conference. Nyles and Jaylin returned home just in time to play a big role in our football team's 20-6 victory over Upper Merion. Outstanding people doing outstanding things can only make you say, "Proud to be from Pottstown!"



Pottstown High School's chapter of DECA, an association of marketing students, held an induction ceremony for thirty-three new members. Co-advisor Kevin Pascal said, "Members build key



leaderships skills such as goal setting, consensus building and project management. Martin Metzger, Courteney Parry, Zoe Wallace, and Jenn Hainsey were inducted as officers for the 2016-17 school. We now have thirty-three more reasons to say Proud to be from Pottstown.



### **POTTSTOWN DECA COMPETES AT DISTRICTS**

Under the direction of marketing teacher Kevin Pascal, and Co-Advisor Anita Santangelo, 42 students who are members of DECA (an association of marketing students) at Pottstown High School participated in the 66th Annual District 8 Career Development Conference in King of Prussia. Of those, 24 students will be competing at the DECA state conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania. The competition involved students taking a 100 question content based test and situational role play. The top six contestants in individual categories and the top four teams in team events move on to the state competition held in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Students' role playing is judged on how well they adjust to the various business situations that are presented to them.

#### **Award winners included:**

Michael Baker	Business Law and Ethics Team	2nd Place & Highest Role Play
Emmanuel Toussaint	Business Law and Ethics Team	2nd Place & Highest Role Play
Lanea Crawford	Apparel and Accessories Marketing	4th Place
Zoe Wallace	Business Services Marketing	4th Place
Martin Metzger	Accounting Applications	3rd Place
Danielle Slody	Retail Merchandising	2nd Place & Highest Role Play
Emily Jerdon	Accounting Applications	5th Place
Jenn Hainsey	Hospitality Services Management Team	3rd Place
Destyn Snyder	Hospitality Services Management Team	3rd Place
David Hicks	Hotel and Lodging Management	6th Place
Eddie Butler	Sports and Entertainment Marketing	6th Place
Courteney Parry	Human Resources Management	3rd Place & Highest Role Play
Julian Weber	Buying and Merchandising Team	2nd Place & Highest Role Play
Emily Weber	Buying and Merchandising Team	2nd Place & Highest Role Play
Gianna Epps	Principles of Finance	3rd Place
Emilie Lineman	Principles of Finance	2nd Place & Highest Test
Br'anna Williams	Principles of Hospitality and Tourism	6th Place
Rachel Lees	Principles of Hospitality and Tourism	4th Place
Mitchell Aquino	Principles of Hospitality and Tourism	3rd Place
Gi'ovannah Mitchell	Principles of Marketing	3rd Place
Cody Young	Rest and Food Service	6th Place
Demitri Douglass	Sports and Entertainment Marketing	4th Place
Gabe Francis	Travel and Tourism Marketing Management Team	2nd Place & Highest Role Play
London Aquino	Travel and Tourism Marketing Management Team	2nd Place & Highest Role Play
Zoe Wallace	Female Modeling	2nd Place
Michael Baker	Male Modeling	2nd Place
Emmanuel Toussaint	Male Modeling	6th Place
Eddie Butler	Male Modeling	1st Place

DECA is the only Career and Technical Student Organization operating through the nation's schools to attract young people to careers in marketing management and entrepreneurship. Its purposes are to develop respect for education which will contribute to occupational competency and to promote understanding and appreciation for the responsibilities of citizenship in our free enterprise system.

**PHS DECA Competitors**



Group Picture of Students who Qualified for States



Gabe Francis and London Aquino



Jen Hainsey (Treasurer)



Emily and Julian Weber



Emmanuel Toussaint and Michael Baker

## Student of the Month

**Justin Warren!**  
**Congrats Justin!!!**



## STEAM Education



← Lucas Wingard researched and designed a solar oven that was able to reach temperatures of 156 degrees Fahrenheit. He is preparing to eat the two hot dogs that he cooked in the oven shown.



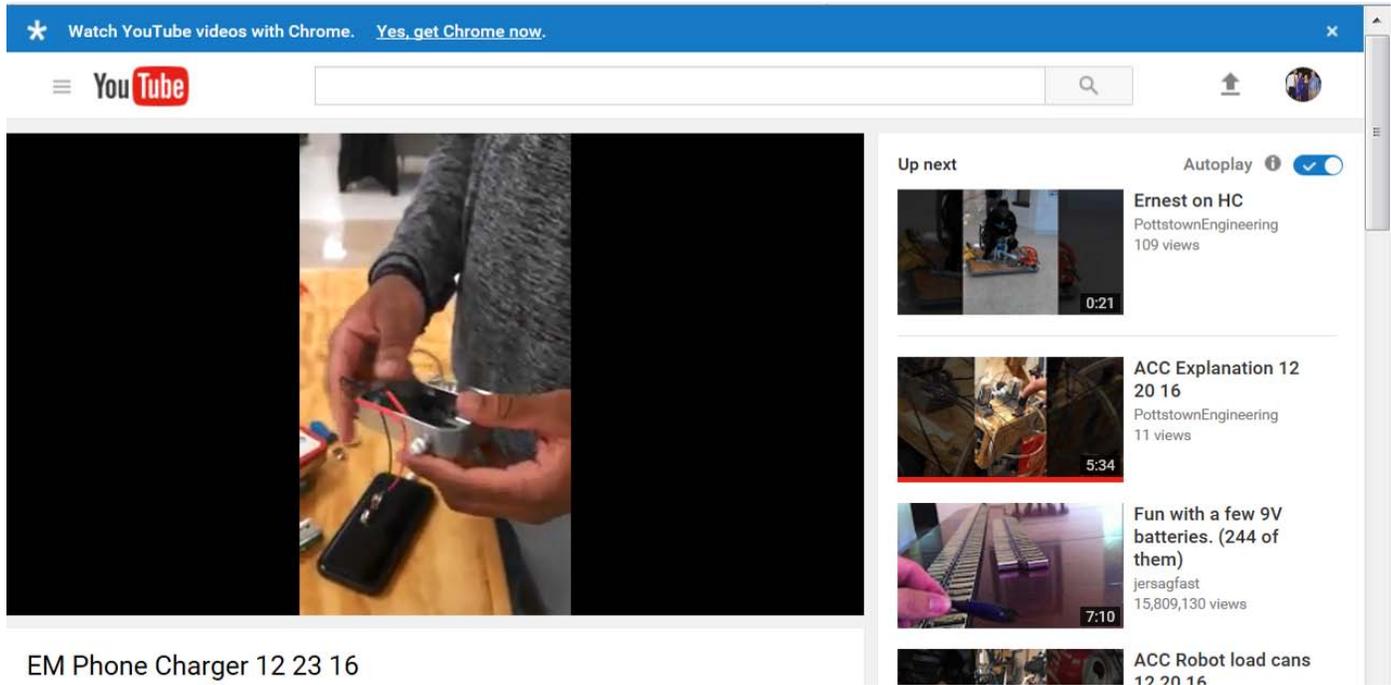
Ernest McCalvin and Jireh Byas rose to the challenge of research and designed an alternate energy vehicle. They chose to design and build a compressed air powered vehicle. →

**Robotics and AP Calculus** classes are just two of the opportunities our students have to experience STEAM education that will help prepare them for the 21st Century workplace.



## Students Charged Up About Learning

Ernest McCalvin, a Pottstown High School Senior in Mr. Andy Bachman's Engineering Technology Level 2 class, used spare class time to construct a portable phone charger out of a car charger from the Dollar store, Altoids box, and a 9V pigtail connector. Ernest researched and practiced how to solder in order to complete this project. Hands-on class work and student personal interest projects are helping students develop curiosity and confidence. Click on video to see and hear about his [project](#).



The image is a screenshot of a YouTube video player. The browser's address bar at the top shows "Watch YouTube videos with Chrome. Yes, get Chrome now." The YouTube logo is visible in the top left corner. The main video player area shows a person's hands working on a small electronic device, which is a portable phone charger. The person is using a soldering iron to connect wires. The video title below the player is "EM Phone Charger 12 23 16". To the right of the video player is a "Up next" section with an "Autoplay" toggle. The "Up next" section lists four videos:

- Ernest on HC** by PottstownEngineering, 109 views, 0:21 duration.
- ACC Explanation 12 20 16** by PottstownEngineering, 11 views, 5:34 duration.
- Fun with a few 9V batteries. (244 of them)** by jersagfast, 15,809,130 views, 7:10 duration.
- ACC Robot load cans** by PottstownEngineering, 12 20 16.

## BAND

The PHS Band took part in the Lancaster County Marching Band Coalition Showcase. Watch all the action on the [Pottstown Band](#). Also read Mr. Evan Brandt's [Digital Notebook blog](#).

Pottstown High School Marching Band students entertained thousands of Walt Disney World Resort guests with their performance at Magic Kingdom on Nov. 13. Click on Mr. Evan Brandt's digital Notebook Blog for video of the [Disney Trip](#).

Our PHS Trojan Marching Band performed at the Ephrata High School, Band Showcase. With clear sky and crisp air their performance heated things up, because as the title of their program says "That Is How We Roll". Click here for all the sights and sound captured on Mr. Evan Brandt's Mercury Digital Notebook Blog and you will have another reason to say Proud to be from Pottstown. [Keep Calm and Keep Marching](#)

### Color Guard and Honor Guard Senior Day Photos



**Band Senior Day Photos:**



Tiana Bennet



Edward Butler



Dylan Brandt



Yuliza Cruz



Nathan Camacho



Emily Greiss



Kyle Kratzer



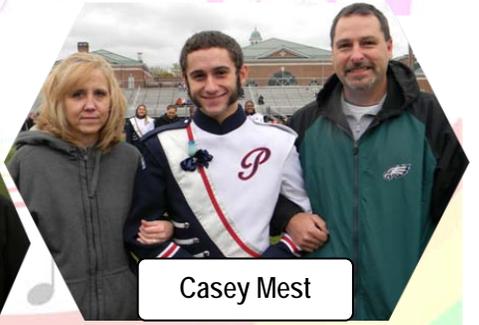
Sara Dudley



Alivia Lopez



Alysha Soto



Casey Mest



Angel Olvera



Chris Stone

## 2016 Homecoming Court:

Members of the court were:



Pictured from left to right:

Casey Mest, Gabe Francis, Khaleah Jeter, Yuliza Cruz, Katie McCoySwinehart, Destiny Jeter, Emily Iezzi, MarDaije Pearson-2015 Queen, Angel Olvera-2016 Queen, Nyles Rome-2016 King, Conor Benfield-2015 King, Ron Fausnaught, Josh Gery, Matt Zipay, Donald Remigio, (kneeling) Ernest McCalvin, and Jaylen Chestnut.

## 2016 Homecoming Queen and King – Angel Olvera and Nyles Rome



2016 Queen Angel Olvera, 2015 Queen MarDaije Pearson, 2015 King Conor Benfield, and 2016 King Nyles Rome

November was a very active month for the members of **PHS Interact Club**. Club Advisers Marilyn Bainbridge, Diane Fox and Diane Shoffstall helped guide students in two successful community projects. They collected Halloween costumes, snacks and candy for the children who were staying at the Salvation Army. Their efforts made a “Trick or Treat” event for 27 youngsters.



Club members next turned their efforts to making winter a little warmer for those in need. Through generous donations by Pottstown School District faculty, staff, and students 71 people at the Pottstown Salvation Army received warm clothing and will be able to stay warm this year! PHS Interact Club is another reason to say Proud to be from Pottstown.



While our PHS Band was strutting their stuff in Florida at Disneyworld, the Trojan Nation was doing some California Dreaming at Disneyland in Anaheim. Chris Paules class of 1984, Alyssa Paules class of 2018, Brandon Paules class of 2014 and Michael Paules class of 1986, made sure everyone knew they are Proud to be from Pottstown.



## THANK YOU TO OUR FRIENDS

- Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Betts, parents of Julian in 1st grade at Franklin. Mr. Betts gave



over 150 free "back to school" haircuts to local students at his shop "Blades Edge Unisex Salon," 272 Walnut St, Pottstown. He also set out a box to collect school supplies for those in need. Proud to know the Betts family and proud to be involved with community minded folks!

- Thank you to the NAPA Auto Parts Dealers on Moser Road for their donation of new basketballs to Franklin Elementary School.



- Thank you to the Federation of Pottstown Teachers for a \$5,000 donation to the "Save the Lights Fund."



- Thank you to the anonymous donor from the Frances Chapin Philanthropic Fund, through the United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona for the \$10,000 donation to the "Save the Lights Fund."

- Thank you to the Pottstown [Staples](#) for their donation of \$5,000 and a box of school supplies to support the 900+ students at Pottstown Middle School. Staples likes to support local education, and we appreciate their generosity in helping our students.



## **POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT ALUMNI HONOR ROLL**

The Pottstown School District inducted its 31<sup>st</sup> addition of outstanding alumni into the Alumni Honor Roll.



### **This year's recipients included:**

- **Dr. Richard Frerichs** – Class of 1960 – Dr. Frerichs is a Millersville University professor emeritus, the Vice-Chair of the Millersville University Council of Trustees and the 2014 President of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association. Rich pursued a teaching degree at Millersville State College, now Millersville University, graduating in December of 1963. His first teaching job was in the Neshaminy School District where he taught Biology and coached track and cross-country. In 1968 Rich returned to Millersville University as the assistant Dean of Men and cross-country and track coach. During his tenure at Millersville he held a variety of academic and administrative positions before retiring in 2004 as the chair of the department of Educational Foundations, the department that prepares teachers at Millersville University. He received his doctorate from the University of Delaware. As recognition of his commitment to the students and mission of Millersville University he was named Person of the Year by the Student Senate and in 2012 he was awarded the President's Medallion. He was the Public Address voice of Millersville University football for over 40 years and the voice of women's basketball for over 30 years. After his retirement, he was inducted into the Millersville University Athletic Hall of Fame. Since retiring from Millersville University Rich has remained active in the educational arena and is often called upon to testify before the State House and Senate committees on educational issues.

- **Mr. Augustus “Barney” Levensgood** – Class of 1972 – Since 1991, Mr. Levensgood has been the Executive Director of the Indiana Convention Center and Lucas Oil Stadium. Lucas Oil Stadium is home of the 2006 World Champion Indianapolis Colts. Mr. Levensgood oversaw the \$103 million expansions to both the convention center and stadium which is estimated to have brought over \$2.25 billion into the Indianapolis economy, while supporting over 74,000 jobs in central Indiana. In addition to this site, Mr. Levensgood helped to manage Bankers Life Field House, home of the Indiana Pacers, and Toledo, Ohio’s SeaGate Centre. Previously, he was the director of building and client services at the Baltimore Convention Center and director of operations at the Baltimore Civic Arena. He also worked at Towson University managing the arena, stadium, and student union building. After graduating from PHS, Mr. Levensgood attended East Stroudsburg and later learned a Masters of Arts degree from Ohio University. He is a member of the Indiana Society of Association Executives, International Association of Exposition Managers, Religious Conference Management association, International Association of Assembly Managers and Stadium Managers Association.
- **Mr. Michael V. Fisher** – Class of 1975 – Mr. Fisher is a creative professional with over 30 years of experience in the retail industry with a focus on branding, marketing, and visual display design. After graduating from high school, Mr. Fisher attended Temple University’s Tyler School of Art where he earned a Bachelors of Fine Arts in painting. Upon graduating from Temple, he worked as an illustrator and fashion designer in New York City. This position lead to designing window displays for retail stores. Mr. Fisher’s career includes several years in the visual department of Bloomingdales, where he rose to creative director. As Bloomingdale’s creative director, he was responsible for the chain’s window and store displays. Fisher’s daring use of women’s fashion alongside color-coordinated Apple computers, lead to a job offer from Steve Jobs to oversee merchandising and store design for Apple. His minimalist approach to store design, marketing, and visual merchandising came to define Apple stores worldwide. In addition to Senior Creative Director at Apple, Mr. Fisher has also held the position of Senior Vice President for Marketing at Ralph Lauren’s Club Monaco division, Chief Creative Officer at JC Penney and oversaw Coach’s retail expansion in to Japan. Currently, Mr. Fisher handles a variety of creative projects through his company [MYKNYC.com](http://MYKNYC.com).
- **Mrs. Danielle McCoy** – Class of 1982 – where she was involved in many school activities including National Honor Society, Class Cabinet, PHS News, Drama Club, prom committee, and homecoming. Mrs. McCoy graduated from Shippensburg University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in Total Information Systems. She spent several years working in the banking industry as a bank teller and retail banking manager before returning to Temple University to earn teaching certifications in Accounting, Marketing, Computer Applications, and Social Studies. While at Temple she also earned a Masters of Education in Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology, as well as the *College of Education Teacher Education Graduate in Career and Technical Education Award*. In 2000, Mrs. McCoy joined the staff of Pottstown High School where she continues today. Mrs. McCoy spent two years as the Gifted Support instructor followed by six years as a Business Education teacher. During that time she earned her Principal’s certification and Vocational Administrative Director’s certifications. In 2009 she became the Director of Career and Technical Education at Pottstown High School where she added three new programs to Pottstown High School’s vocational offerings. At various times she has also been a class advisor, Student Government advisor, Graduation Project Coordinator, homecoming advisor, History Day advisor, Job Readiness Coordinator, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Coordinator, and the Supervisor of Secondary Special Education. She is also the recipient of the *YWCA Tri-County’s Exceptional Woman in Education Award* and serves on the board of directors of the Foundation for Pottstown Education, as well as being a member of the NAACP. Mrs. McCoy currently serves as the first female and first alumna to be principal of Pottstown High School.

## The 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Tri County Area Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame recently honored:



- ❖ **Tracey Wright – Class of 1982** - Wright was a football and wrestling star at Pottstown High School. He was a dynamic athlete with a distinctive flair. In football he would block a kick or create a fumble or recover one when it was most needed or he would pin his opponent in wrestling to get his team fired up. In football he was selected All-Ches-Mont his junior and senior seasons at defensive end. He was chosen to play in the Montgomery County All-Star game and was Honorable Mention All-State. He won several tournaments in wrestling his junior and senior seasons, and medaled in the Sectional, District, and Regional tournaments. After graduating from PHS in 1982, he moved on to Kutztown, where he flourished. The defensive end was named All-PSAC three years. In 1985, he was named All-American Honorable Mention, was ECAC Honor Roll three times and ECAC Player of the Week against Shippensburg and East Stroudsburg. He is still the all-time leader in sacks with 25.5, and in 2015 was named to Kutztown's 100th season all-time team as well as being inducted into KU's Athletics Hall of Fame.
- ❖ **Greg Glenn, Jr. – Class of 1986** - Glenn starred in football and basketball at Pottstown High School. He played defensive back and quarterback for the Trojans. He was team captain and led his team to the final victory for the Trojans in the Ches-Mont League over OJR on Thanksgiving Day. He was point guard on the hoops team, leading the Trojans to a 19-4 record his senior season, including a double OT win over powerhouse Coatesville. He was the PHS Outstanding Athlete his senior year. Glenn went to Kutztown University for football after graduation where he played defensive back, running back and returned kickoffs. Over his four-year KU career, Glenn earned 3 ECAC weekly honor roll awards. He was second in tackles his senior year and led in interceptions. After graduation he played 6 years for the BuxMont Bulldogs, guiding them to a 14-0 championship season in 1995. He also currently is a PIAA varsity official in football and basketball.
- ❖ **Shannon Witzel – Class of 2003** -Witzel was a three-sport standout at Pottstown High School. She played field hockey, basketball, and her best sport, lacrosse. She helped her basketball team win the District 1 championship, helped a downtrodden field hockey team return to respectability and led her lacrosse squad to several wins and accomplishments. She finished with 200 career goals and memorably scored 15 goals in a game and rallied her team from 7-0 down to score eight straight goals for a win. Witzel then went to Towson University to play lacrosse where she was Rookie of the Year by scoring 44 goals and 53 total points. She led the nation with 3.74 goals per game her sophomore season, and set the Towson record with 71 goals. She scored seven goals in the CAA championship game against Hofstra. As a junior, she ranked 4th in scoring per game with 3.59 and was named First Team CAA, and Third Team All-American. After another productive year as a senior, Witzel finished tied for career goals with 208, and was honored Towson's Sr. Female Athlete of the Year. After graduating she started a coaching career at Towson, then went to LaSalle, now to her current position at Cincinnati University with fellow PHS graduate (and Tri-County Hall of Famer) Regina Oliver.

## 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](mailto:jarmato@pottstownsd.org).



- **SMSGT Joseph E. Whitacre U.S.A.F.** – Class of 1952 - Joseph Edward Whitacre, a beloved husband and father and Vietnam War Veteran, of Valley Grande, Alabama. He retired from U.S.A.F. July 31, 1976 after 23 years of service to his country. He was a postal worker for 17 years until he retired in 1996. He graduated from Pottstown Pennsylvania High School in 1952. In April of 1958, he married his wife of 58 years, Sybil Woolley in Selma, Alabama. He was a member of Memorial United Methodist Church in Selma.
- **Robert "Bob" Shaner** - Class of 1961 - Bob was the husband of Mary (Yohn) and was born in Pottstown. He was a son of the late Howard R. Shaner, Sr. and Dorothy (Yergey) Shaner. Bob was a member of the Elks Lodge #814, and a lifetime member of the German Club of Pottstown. He enjoyed golfing, fishing at the Jersey Shore, and teaching his grandchildren how to bet at the racetrack.

- **Joseph T. Ruyak Sr.** - Class of 1946 – Joe was born March 13, 1928 in Pottstown, PA and was the son of the late Michael and Anna (Stednichar) Ruyak. Upon completion of his service in the Navy, he attended Penn State University. Ever the consummate athlete, he was an elite pitcher on the Penn State Baseball team. While at college, Joe belonged to the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity where he served as president. After graduating from Penn State, he was scouted and later joined the Minor League system of the Boston Red Sox where he excelled as a pitcher. He was employed by the Metropolitan Life Insurance for over 40 years and worked in various capacities of Sales as Sales Manager and District Sales Manager for many years. He was a strong supporter of Kiwanis Clubs and was past president of the Pottstown Kiwanis Club. Joe was an avid sportsman his entire life and loved hunting and fly fishing. He was a life-long passionate golfer shooting low scores well into his late seventies. He was an enthusiastic Penn State Alumni member and a huge fan of Penn State Football. Joe was always invested in his community and did volunteer work in preparing tax returns for the elderly, poor and disabled citizens of Reading PA.



- **Sandra Perdicas** - Class of 1950 – Sandra was born on December 19, 1932 in Pottstown, PA to the late Ruth (Minter) and Stanley Skean. In 1954, she received a BS in Elementary Education from the then Lock Haven State Teachers College. She taught in the Pottstown School System until moving to Akron, OH in 1968. A member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, she sang in its choir. She was also pleased to be a member of The Melody Maids for many years.



- **Jean (Hoffecker) Hollenbach** - Class of 1947 – Jean was born in Pottstown, PA and was a daughter of the late John R. and Marlen (Bishop) Hoffecker. She was employed as a secretary and bookkeeper with Wyncroft School for 23 years retiring in 1989. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Pottstown, and the Schuylkill Chapter #338 Order of Eastern Star.
- **Joseph J. Ross** - Class of 1942 – Joe was the husband of Anna Marie (Harbach) Ross. Born in Pottstown, PA he was the son of the late Joseph and Helen (Elaine) Ross. Joseph had worked for the U.S. Postal Service in Pottstown, PA for 25 years. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He was a member of the former Pottstown American Legion and a member of St. Aloysius R.C.C. in Pottstown. Joe loved hunting and fishing and was an avid sports fan. He enjoyed traveling with his wife. He was also a referee for many sporting events in the Pottstown area for several years. He had been inducted in the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame for his many years of service as a referee.
- **Cheryl E. Brown** - Class of 1965 - Born in Reading, she was the daughter of the late Ronald E. and Jean Dorothy (Czarnecki) Brown. Cheryl was an honor student and graduate of Pottstown High School class of 1965. During her time there, she had a beautiful Soprano voice and sang in the choir at St. Aloysius Church. Cheryl then graduated from PSU with a Bachelor's Degree in Classics in 1969. She was accepted to Columbia Law School but ultimately declined admission due to financial concerns. After working for one year at the University of Penn, she joined the US Justice Department, working there for 35 years and earned the highest grade for federal employees. Cheryl was also an avid animal lover. She bred show cats from the mid-1970s through the late 1990s, and was a member of "Cat Fanciers of America" as well as other organizations. She also enjoyed antiques, science fiction movies and books, and studying the history of films.
- **June L. (Mock) Levensgood** - Class of 1944 – June was the widow of Clifford Levensgood. Born in Pottstown, she was the daughter of the late Mamie F. (Weller) and Wilbert C. Mock. A genuine caregiver to her entire family, June enjoyed baking, socializing with her friends and dining out. She was someone who always loved a good conversation and was consistently in attendance of her Pottstown High School monthly class get-togethers. She was a long-time member of St. Luke Lutheran Church, Gilbertsville.
 


- **Russel M. Graham** - Class of 1941 – Russel was the husband of the late Jean Naughton Graham. Russel was born in Pottstown in 1922 to the late Earl F. and Lillie M. Graham. Russel was a graduate of Temple University. He was very proud to be a [WWII](#) Navy Veteran. He worked for Jacobs Aircraft and for over 25 years at Honeywell, including the directing of Honeywell's Arabian Program. He was a Mason, a member of the Liberty Fire Company in New Berlinville and a member of Resurrection Lutheran Church in Horsham, PA. Russel was a life time devoted Philadelphia sports fan who shared this passion with his children and grandchildren. He was a true gentleman with an adventuresome spirit who traveled the world.
 



- **Robert Charles Grosser Jr.** - Class of 1966 - Charles was born December 13, 1948, in Pottstown, PA. He was a member of the Shamrock Club and United Steel Workers Local #2479. He also worked at Neapco, where he was president of the union, before moving to Goose Creek, SC.
- **James L. Meloy** - Class of 1937 - James was born in Pottstown, PA, he was a son of the late Stuart Meloy and the late Elsie (Rowan) Meloy. James worked as a cable splicer for the former Bell Telephone Co. for forty three years, retiring in 1982. James served in the [Army](#) during [World War II](#). He was a member of St. James Lutheran Church, Pottstown; neighborhood senior fellowship of Grace Lutheran Church; Lower Pottsgrove Historical Society; and Sanatoga Fire Co.



## FALLEN TROJANS STAFF MEMBERS



- **Benjamin Eckroth, Jr.** – Ben “Ecky” Eckroth Jr., 82, was the husband of Carol J. (Griesel) Eckroth of 60 years. He was the son of the late Benjamin F. Eckroth, Sr. and Mabel H. (Wagner) Eckroth. Ben was a teacher in the Pottstown School District for over 30 years and was an enthusiastic Pottstown sports fan and was the head time-keeper for Pottstown boys’ varsity football and basketball for over 20 years. He was an avid golfer and scats player at Twin Ponds Golf Course, Member of Pottstown Elks #814, and the East End Athletic club. Ben loved spending time with his grandchildren at the shore in the summer, vacationing in Puerto Rico every winter, and traveling abroad with his wife, Carol.





- **Brandon Tinson** – Class of 2016 is a freshman at [Susquehanna University](#) and plays cornerback for the football team has been named the Centennial Conference's Defensive Player of the Week. Making his fifth start of the season, Tinson had eight tackles (three solo) with two tackles for loss, one forced fumble, one pick and one fumble recovery in Susquehanna's 20-10 defeat over visiting Franklin & Marshall. So far this season, Tinson has played all eight games and totals 16 solo tackles, eight assisted tackles for a total of 24. He has 3.0 tackles for loss for seven yards and one interception to go with two pass breakups, three pass deflections, one fumble recovery and one forced fumble. Susquehanna improves to 4-4 overall with a 4-3 mark in Centennial Conference action.


- **Miguel Ross** – Class of 2013 is a senior member of the soccer team at [West Chester University](#). Miguel was named to the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Second Team. This is his third straight selection after being named a First Team pick as a freshman. This year he has helped to lead his team to an 11-4-3 overall record and is ranked second in career goals for West Chester University.


- **Kasey Mock** – Class of 2010 - who starred at Pottstown High and played in two National championship games at Syracuse University, has been named head girls' lacrosse coach at Springside Chestnut Hill Academy. Mock, who served as an assistant at George Washington in 2014-2015, also was a member of the United States National Women's Lacrosse Team in the 2014-15 season. Mock, an All-Phillylacrosse.com First-Team pick in 2010 when she scored 119 goals, had a standout career as a defender at Syracuse where she helped the Orange to a 2013 Big East championship, three NCAA Final Fours (2012-2014) and two National Championship games (2012, 2014). Mock was named to the Tewaaraton Award Watch List prior to the 2014 season. During her senior campaign she earned a spot on the ACC All-Conference Second Team, the IWLCA All-Northeast Region First Team and the IWLCA All-America Second Team. She was a four-time All-Academic selection, earning Big East honors from 2011-13 and ACC accolades in 2014. Mock also spent several years as a coach in the Aftershock Lacrosse Program and currently is the 2022 coach for Big 4 HHH. She also played professionally with the Boston Storm this summer. Mock answered these questions about her new position:


  - **What are your short-term goals?** "My short term goal for the team is to just be a consistent competitor amongst the strongest Inter-Academic teams in this initial season."
  - **What are your long-term goals?** "As far as long term goals, I would obviously love for the team to feel what it's like to win the Inter-Ac. This isn't something that I would talk about everyday at practice, rather we will approach this goal as one practice and one game at a time."
  - **What is your general coaching philosophy?** "My general coaching philosophy is a direct reflection of my experience playing at Syracuse. Your team is your family. Once you stop playing for yourself and start playing for your sisters beside you on the field, greatness is bound to happen. This is something that helped me become the best that I could be and hope to pass along to the girls I'll be coaching and mentoring."

# ALUMNI CLASS REUNIONS

We are proud of our over 19,400 Pottstown High School graduates who have distinguished themselves by making substantial contributions in all areas of business, professional, military and community life. They are Trojans forever and give us reason to say "Proud to be from Pottstown!"

Class of 1956 - 60 years



Class of 1976 - 40 years



Class of 1966 - 50 years





## We Are Pottstown ...

Stay connected with all of the friends of the Pottstown School District with this exclusive membership. Learn about what is happening with the Foundation for Pottstown Education with the newsletter, stay connected to updates and news through social media, engage in networking and career opportunities at special Pottstown Pride Society events, and much more. Together we will build a better community and continue to provide opportunities for the children of Pottstown School District. Be sure to stay tuned to social media and [www.foundationpottstowned.org](http://www.foundationpottstowned.org) for the Pottstown Pride Society page as we grow. We would love for you to share your successes along the way to help encourage those who follow you. Together we provide opportunities for children of Pottstown.



## Pottstown Pride Society

### Yes, I'm Interested in More Info

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Graduate of Pottstown? If so, Class of \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

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