

# POTTSTOWN PRIDE

ACADEMICS AND ACTIVITIES  
PARTNERS FOR EDUCATIONAL  
EXCELLENCE



## SPRING-SUMMER 2015

*Pottstown Schools – Building a Better Tomorrow*

# **POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT POINTS OF PRIDE SPRING-SUMMER 2015**

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. When visiting our website and clicking on “District News” you will be able to view full color pictures featured in this publication.

## **WRESTLING**

Logan and Mason Pennypacker were both named to the Pennsylvania State Wrestling Coaches Association All Academic Team. In the entire state of Pennsylvania, only 55 student-athletes are named to this list. Pottstown High School has the distinction of having two athletes recognized with this honor. The award is presented to student-athletes who display outstanding athletic accomplishments, high academic standards, and community service.

Logan  
Pennypacker



Mason  
Pennypacker



# BASEBALL

## Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference Second Team

- Jordan Mullen - Pitchers
- Logan Pennypacker - Outfielders

## Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference Honorable Mention Team

- Ty Wolfel - Infielders
- Ron Fausnaught -Outfielders

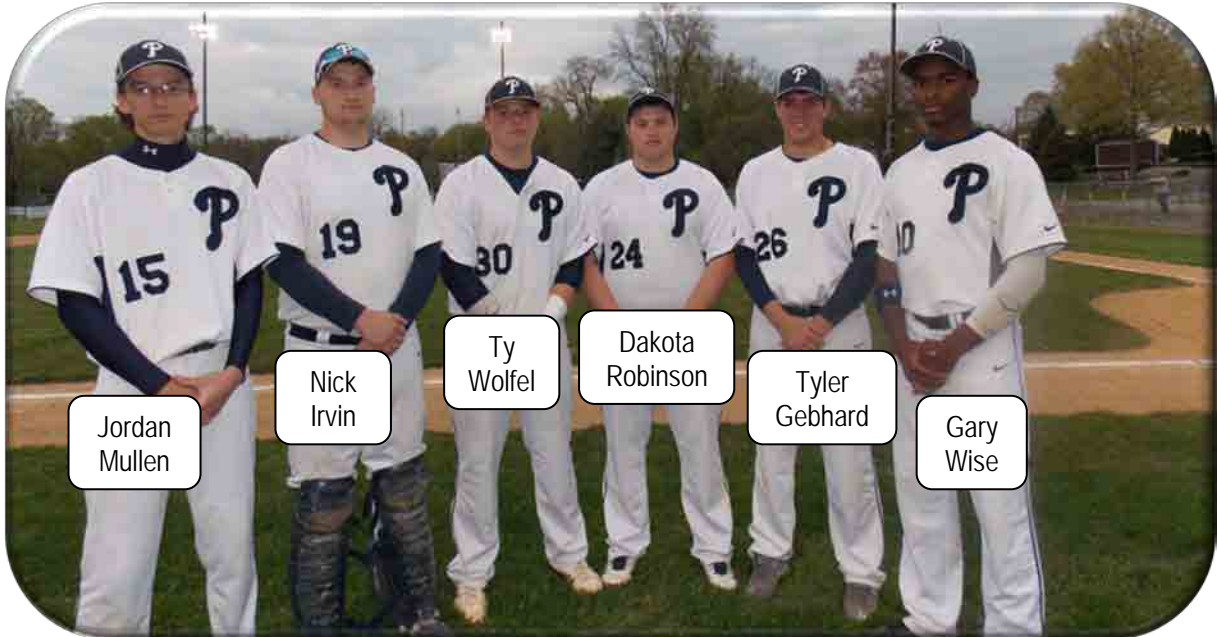
## Named to The Mercury All Area Second Team

- Jordan Mullen

## Name to The Mercury All Area Honorable Mention Team

- Logan Pennypacker
- Mason Pennypacker

## Senior Night Photos:



# SOFTBALL

## Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference Second Team

- Terri Chestnut - Outfield

## Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference Honorable Mention Team

- Miranda Swinehart - Pitcher

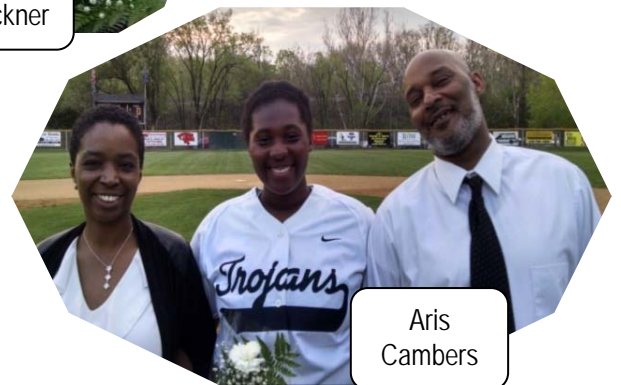
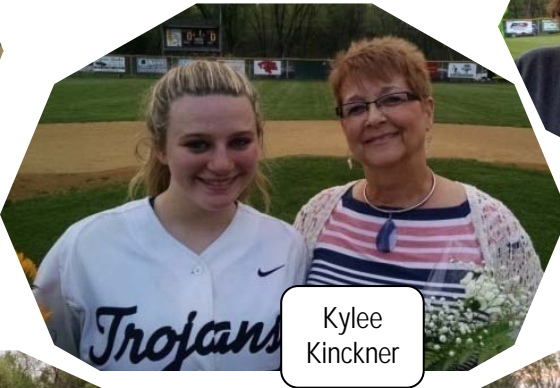
## Named to The Mercury All Area Second Team

- Terri Chestnut

## Named to The Mercury All Area Honorable Mention Team

- Gianna Epps

### Senior Night Photos:



# GIRLS' LACROSSE

Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference Honorable Mention Team

- Ebony Reddick

Senior Night Photos:



# BOYS' TENNIS

Named to The Mercury All Area Honorable Mention Team

- Yusef Lee

# BOYS' TRACK

## PAC-10 Results:

- ★ Brandon Tinson - 11th -100 meter-11.79
- ★ Bryan Perez - 1st - 110 hurdles 15.46
- ★ James Wood - 4th - 110 hurdles 15.75
- ★ Justin Beasley Turner - 13th - 1600 meter run 4:38.10
- ★ Brandon Tinson - 8th - 200 meter run 23.75
- ★ Bryan Perez - 4th – 300 meter hurdles 41.26
- ★ James Wood - 12th - 300 meter hurdles 43.06
- ★ Dennis Cannady - 13th – 300 meter hurdles 43.69
- ★ 4 x 100 meter relay - 7th - Dennis Cannady, Brandon Tinson, Julian Martin, Bryan Perez
- ★ Justin Beasley Turner - 9th – 800 meter run
- ★ Alex Humma - 3rd - Discus Throw - 134'10"
- ★ London Gregory - High Jump - 6'4"
- ★ Ernest McCalvin – 6th - Javelin - 158'8"
- ★ Jake Fetterman - 5th - pole vault - 11"00"
- ★ Alex Cabellero - 10th - pole vault - 9'6"
- ★ Alex Humma - 5th - shot put - 40'8"
- ★ James Wood - Triple Jump - 41'9"

## Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference First Team

- Bryan Perez – 110 M Hurdles

## Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference Second Team

- London Gregory – High Jump

## Senior Night Photos:



## GIRL' TRACK

### PAC-10 Results:

- ★ Paige Swartz finished third in the high jump
- ★ Mya Pope finished 5th in the triple jump
- ★ The 4x100 team of Miyana Brant, Victoria Gery, Paige Swartz, and Kayla Pearson-Moore placed 5th.
- ★ DeJa Mattehws placed sixth and Jaymya Greer placed seventh in discus.

### Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference Honorable Mention Team

- Paige Swartz – High Jump

### Senior Night Photos:



## JAZZ BAND COMPETITION

High School Jazz Band competed in the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Sound Spectacular Jazz Band Festival at Daniel Boone High School. The band received a rating of "Outstanding" and Marley Bryan received Honorable Mention recognition as the Tenor Saxophone Player.

At the Boyertown 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Jazz Festival the Pottstown High School Jazz Band was awarded a rating of "Outstanding" and Marley Bryan received the award for "Outstanding Solo Performances."

Pottstown Middle School Jazz Band, under the direction of Ben Hayes, received the only "Superior" rating at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Boyertown Jazz Festival and Shane Duncan was recognized as the "Best Saxophone Soloist" and Will Minnick as the "Best Overall Performance."

Pottstown Middle School Jazz Band's London Aquino received the "Best Saxophone Soloist" at the Methacton Jazz Festival and the band received a rating of "Superior."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nOnV6GnPGYw#t=13>

## Jazz Band Outstanding Performance at the Cavalcade of Bands Association 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Jazz Band Championships

Pottstown High School Jazz Band competed in the “Woody Herman” Division and received the highest rating of “Superior.” Marley Bryan received one of only four “Outstanding Soloist” awards. The rhythm section – including Jake Fetterman, Garry Oberholtzer, Cole Sellers, Connor Christman, and Gabe Francis received first place in the “Outstanding Rhythm” section award. Three members of the band also went on to perform in the Jazz Championship All-Star Band. They were Marley Bryan, Sherif Mohamed, and Tamer Mohamed.

<http://evan-brandt.blogspot.com/2015/04/a-superior-end-to-jazz-band-season.html>



Back Row: Austin Mora, Brandon Wilson, Marley Bryan, Tamer Mohamed, Connor Christman, Sherif Mohamed, Justin Beasley-Turner.  
Front Row: Garry Oberholtzer, Julian Weber, Chloe Francis, Nick Wilson, Rashell Williams, John Johnson IV, Jake Fetterman, Austin Scavello, Dylan Brandt, Gabe Francis, Kyle Kratzer, Cole Sellers.





# ACADEMIC RECOGNITIONS

## PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE ALL ACADEMIC TEAM

- Baseball - Nicholas Irvin
- Lacrosse - Jenna Endy
- Softball - Miranda Swinehart
- Boys' Tennis - Kenil Patel
- Boys' Track - Ben Habekost
- Girls' Track - Hailey Shankle

## PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CITIZEN ATHLETE AWARD

- Torry Dugan



# COLLEGE SIGNINGS



Back row (left to right):

- ★ Ty Wolfel – Westminster College - Baseball
- ★ James Wood – Bloomsburg University - Track
- ★ Gary Wise – Lebanon Valley College - Football
- ★ Bryant Quill – Chestnut Hill College - Basketball
- ★ Alex Humma – Williamson College of Free Trades - Football

Front row (left to right):

- ★ Jenna Endy – Ursinus College - Soccer
- ★ Julia Pearson - West Chester University-Lacrosse
- ★ Victoria Gery – Ithaca College - Gymnastics
- ★ Torry Dugan – Susquehanna University - Cross Country and Track

# HIGH SCHOOL

Congratulations to the winners in The Mercury "Design An Ad" contest:

- ❖ Leila Atoo
- ❖ Cheyenne Daywalt
- ❖ Donna Oyella
- ❖ Tom Doyle
- ❖ Tyler Keefer



A group of high school students joined with students from The Hill and MCCC to take part in the Spring Pottstown CARES day.

<http://www.pottsmmerc.com/general-news/20150410/pottstown-cares-gives-borough-a-spring-cleaning>



Click here to see the PHS "Shake it off " Lip Dub video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2LryzFrVxGI&feature=youtu.be>



Friday night out is what many teenagers think about all week. Movies, parties and malls are on the list of things to do for many of them. Take a look at how some of our Trojan Wrestlers spent their Friday night and you will know why we say Proud to be from Pottstown. A big thank you to Rob Matthews at CrossFit for opening his doors to us and Tricia Haring for being the Drill Instructor that lead our guys thru the workout. <http://www.pottstownschoools.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=5Y32B0&dasi=3All>

### **Saturday Morning PSD Trojan Style**

If you need more reasons to say “Proud to be from Pottstown,” read what our students and staff were doing on Saturday morning. While many teenagers and adults were sleeping in late and taking a leisurely approach to the day, Saturday Pottstown Trojan style was a little bit different - <http://www.pottstownschoools.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=5YIGIB&dasi=3All>



Jenna Endy was nominated for the Triangle Club’s annual Judge William F. Dannehower Award. She is one of only 30 scholar-athletes in Montgomery County to be nominated for this prestigious award.

Donna Oyella was a semi-finalist in The Greater Pottstown Foundation Scholarship for The Arts competition. The competition was based on two criteria – students had to write an essay on why they wanted to continue their education in the arts and then had to create three pieces of art to be displayed at ArtFusion 19464. We are proud of Donna’s efforts and appreciate her talent.



Winners of the Culinary Arts “Chopped Challenge” sponsored by Grumpy’s Restaurant and Beverly’s Pastry Shop included:

- Kyle Weller winning the sandwich competition with his creation of a salmon wrap with vinaigrette crunchy peanut nut topping. His sandwich will be featured at Grumpy’s Restaurant and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Pottstown High School Culinary Arts class. Kyle received a gift certificate and cooking utensils award.
- Kayla Wise and BriAnna Gribble were winners of the cupcake competition. Their pepper jelly filled chocolate cupcake topped with goat cheese frosting was judged No. 1 and will be featured at Beverly’s Pastry Shop.



## **A day in the life of PHS Air Force Jr. ROTC Cadet -**

<http://www.pottstownschoools.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=5YIG02&dasi=3All>

### **ROTC Unit provides support for the Annual Swing Dance held at Sunnybrook Ballroom**



### **Late teacher drove Pottstown senior to succeed -**

Pottstown High School senior Daniel Fishburn-Diehl said he was the kind of kid who never thought about going to college. He thought he didn't need school. But then he started taking auto technology classes as a freshman with William Bertoti. Diehl was impressed by his passion for cars and the fact that he owned a repair shop as well as taught.

"He turned it around for me," Diehl said. Bertoti died last year of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma at the age of 65. He had graduated from Pottstown and started teaching auto shop classes in the district after his former teacher retired in 1993. He worked there for over 20 years. Bertoti was also one of the earliest members of the Pottstown Classics Car Club. The club's president, Tony Ziemba, decided to

establish a scholarship fund in Bertoti's honor. Diehl was the first recipient of a scholarship from the Willy Bertoti Memorial Scholarship Fund. He received \$2,000 to study automotive technology at the Universal Technical Institute near Exton, Chester County. The school also gave Diehl \$2,500 for a total of \$4,500 for him to put toward his education.

To donate to the scholarship fund, make checks payable to the Willy Bertoti Memorial Scholarship Fund and address them c/o Santander Bank, 1565 E. High St., Pottstown, PA 19464.



## National Honor Society Students Recognized at Annual Awards Dinner

Nineteen senior members of National Honor Society were recognized for their academic achievement at the annual Honor Society Banquet. Sponsor Mr. Robert Decker presented each student with a memento. Senior members included:

Eliana Arroyo-Dech	Nicholas Irvin	Angelina Schaff
Soloman Bailey	Alesha James	Hailey Shankle
Katrina Belmontes	Dylan Mauger	Maverick Somich
Torry Dugan	Randy Mercado	Charlotte Stone
Jenna Endy	Austin Mora	Brandon Wilson
Victoria Gery	Cecilia Roseo	Leah Yeary
Benjamin Habekost		



## Class of 2015 Information

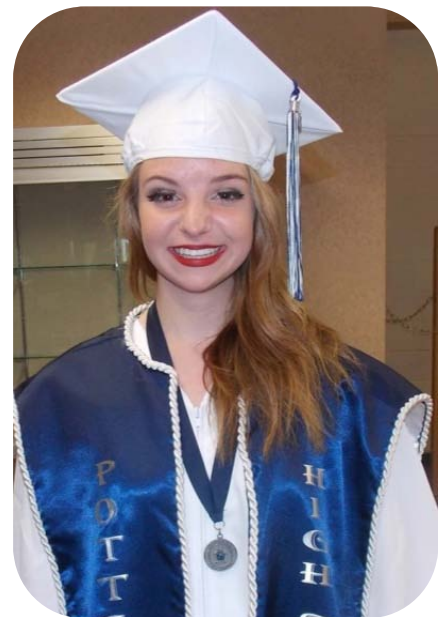
- Class of 172 students
  - Number of girls – 92
  - Number of boys – 80
- Number of students who attended Pottstown schools for all 12 years of their education – 55
- Post High School Plans:
  - Continuing Education:
    - 4 year college/university – 56
    - 2 year college/university – 29
    - Trade/technical school – 13
  - Armed Services – 6
  - Work World – 31
  - Other (homemaker, unemployed, unknown, etc.) – 8



**Valedictorian  
Nicolas Muriel**



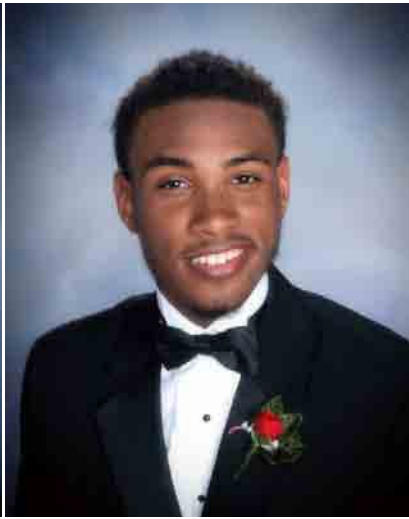
**Salutatorian  
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**Class President  
Brigid Benfield**



Dominique Aiken



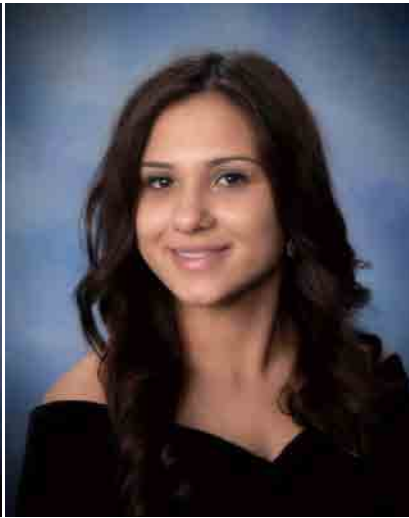
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Katrina Belmontes



Brigid Benfield



Vaughn Bertoti



Kylee Bond



Mya Brewer



Tessa Bridges



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Marley Bryan



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Cara Cabot



Carmelo Calano



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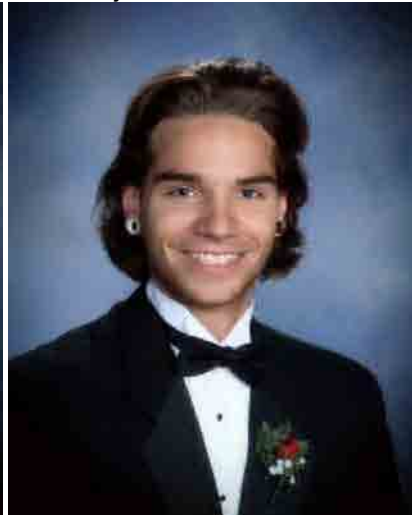
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Daniel Fishburn-Diehl



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Natalie Karpinski



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Jason Knittle



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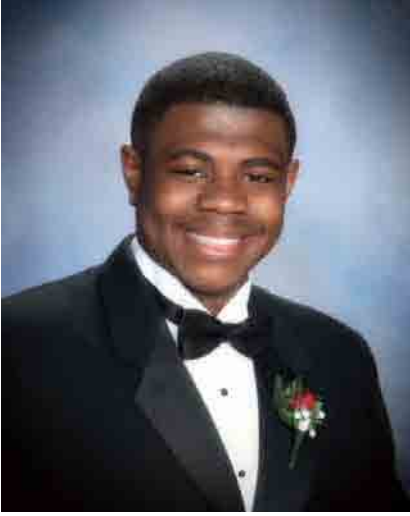


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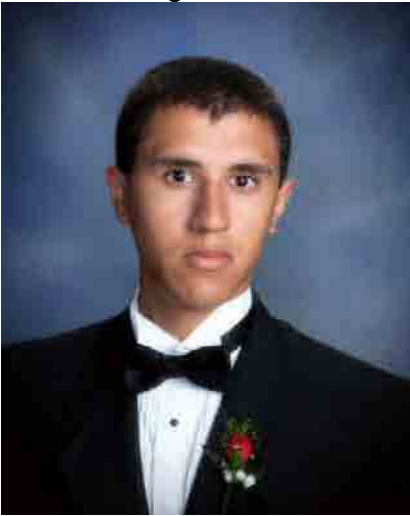
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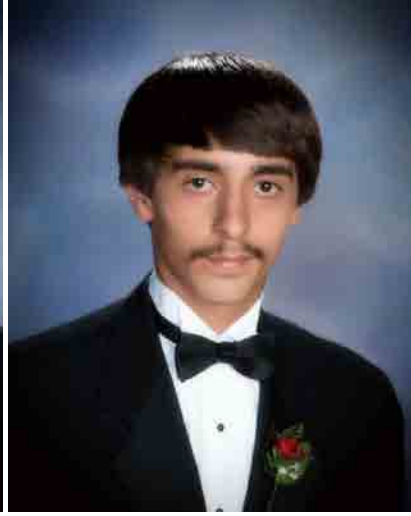
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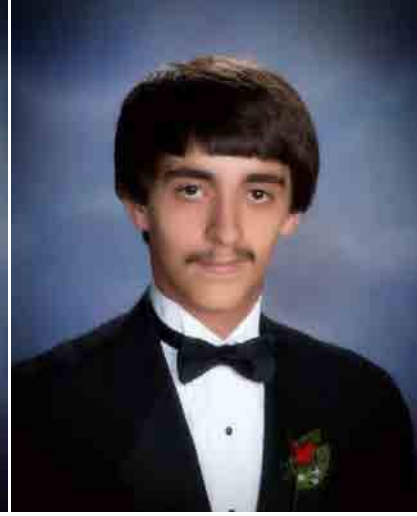




Clayton Mitchell



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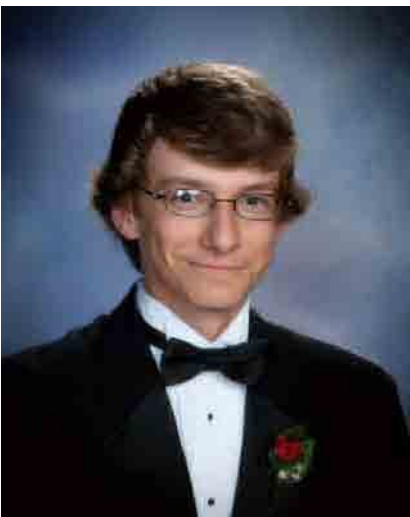
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Alexandria Volinskie



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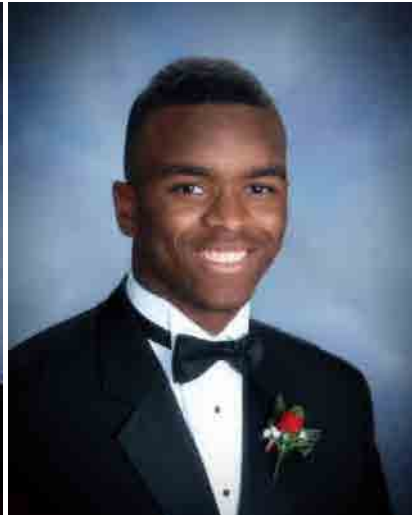
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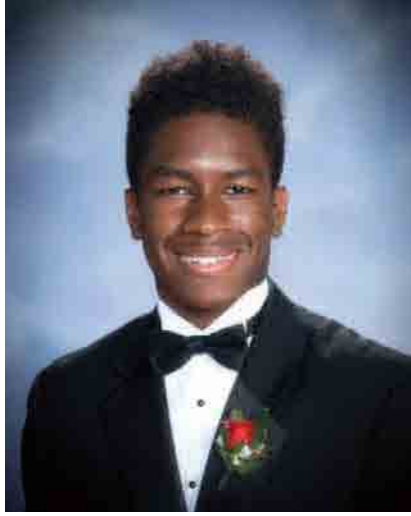


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James Woods, Jr.



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## 2015 POTTSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION PLANS

**Dominique Aiken** - Montgomery County Community College; **Yusef Ali-Lee** - St. Johns University; **Eliana Arroyo-Dech** - York College of Pennsylvania; **Soloman Bailey** - Albright College; **Jayce Beasley** - Raritan Valley Community College; **Dakota Beaver** - Universal Technical Institute; **Katrina Belmontes** - Eastern University; **Bridgett Benfield** - Shippensburg University; **Vaughn Bertoti** - Army; **Marley Bryan** - West Chester University; **Breanna Byrne** - Cedar Crest; **Carmelo Calano** - Hofstra University; **Aris Cambers** - Bloomsburg University; **Connor Christman** - Berks Technical Institute; **Kiersten Cruz** - Montgomery County Community College; **Tiffany Cuascut** - Wesley College; **Megan Cushman** - Berks Technical Institute; **Chanita Davis** - Millersville University; **Cheyenne Daywalt** - Pennsylvania College of Art & Design; **Marlee DeBlase** - Kutztown University; **Adam Dilworth** - Army; **Torry Dugan** - Susquehanna University; **Siajaah Edwards** - Empire Beauty School; **Jenna Endy** - Ursinus College; **Broc Ferguson** - Universal Technical Institute; **Daniel Fishburn Diehl** - Universal Technical Institute; **Joshua Foster** - Montgomery County Community College; **Tanayah Frederick** - Harcum College; **Lily Gaugler** - LeBow University; **Anthony Gazzillo** - Navy; **Tyler Gebhard** - California University of PA; **Victoria Gery** - Ithaca College; **Vanessa Gomez** - Paul Mitchell Schools; **BriAnna Gribble** - Johnson and Wales University; **Benjamin Habekost** - Valley Forge Military College; **Jessica Hall** - Montgomery County Community College; **Joshua Hall** - Montgomery County Community College; **Kiara Horsey** - York College of Pennsylvania; **Alex Humma** - Williamson College of Free Trade; **Aaron Irizarry** - National Guard; **Alexis Irizarry** - Empire Beauty School; **Nicholas Irvin** - Stockton University; **Alesha James** - East Stroudsburg University; **Justine Jeter** - Temple University; **Natalie Karpinski** - Montgomery County Community College; **Tyler Keefer** - Manor College; **Kylee Kinckner** - Hussian School of Art- Philadelphia; **Jason Knittle** - Montgomery County Community College; **David Kurtz** - Montgomery County Community College; **Alexis Lafferty** - Pulse Beauty School; **Ashley Lawrence** - University of Maine; **Brianna Logan** - Harcum College; **Genesis Maradiaga** - Hartford University; **Alfredo Matias** - Armed Forces; **DeJa Matthews** - Harcum College; **Dylan Mauger** - Millersville University; **Molly McGinnis** - West Chester University; **Jayson McRoberts** - Montgomery County Community College; **Randy Mercado** - Millersville University; **Alyssa Mickletz** - Montgomery County Community College; **Sherif Mohamed** - Penn State Berks; **Tamer Mohamed** - Penn State Berks; **Lilianna Molina** - Arcadia University; **Austin Mora** - Lebonon Valley College; **Autumn Mortimer** - Marywood University; **Jordan Mullen** - Montgomery County Community College; **Brigitte Mundo** - Wesley College; **Nicolas Muriel** - Penn State University; **Anthony Oglesby** - Montgomery County Community College; **Donna Oyella** - Drexel University; **Julia Pearson** - West Chester University; **Kirsten Phillips** - Metro Beauty Academy; **Tanae' Phillips** - Montgomery County Community College; **Bryant Quill** - Chestnut Hill; **Bryanna Ramos** - Air Force; **Dani Reedy** - Moore College of Art; **Jennifer Remick** - Marywood University; **Travis Rhea** - Montgomery County Community College; **Kaylyn Richards** - Montgomery County Community College; **Dakota Robinson** - Shippensburg University; **Cecilia Roseo** - Lynchburg College; **Adriana Saenz** - Gwynedd Mercy University; **Julio Santiago** - Montgomery County Community College; **Angelina Schaff** - Armed Forces; **Tristin Scroggan** - Williamson Trade School; **Hailey Shankle** - University of the Sciences; **Galen Shirey** - Kutztown University; **Samantha Shovelton** - Montgomery County Community College; **Travis Smith** - Armed Forces; **Maverick Somich** - Villanova University; **Angelina Stewart** - North Hampton Community College; **Charlotte Stone** - Montgomery County Community College; **Carolina Tamayo Quintero** - Montgomery County Community College; **Dasharrius Taylor** - National Guard; **Eric Thornberry** - Berks Technical Institute; **Leonard Tiller** - Montgomery County Community College; **Daniel Tucker** - Shippensburg University; **Alexandria Volinskie** - Montgomery County Community College; **Keelan Warren** - Montgomery County Community College; **LaSean Wilkerson** - Montgomery County Community College; **Brandon Wilson** - Millersville University; **Gary Wise** - Lebanon Valley College; **Ty Wolfel** - Westminster College; **James Wood** - Bloomsburg University; **Darnell Wright** - Montgomery County Community College; **Leah Yeary** - Penn State University; **Jessica Yednock** - Arizona State University; **Ronni Yerck** - Montgomery County Community College





Congratulations to Eliana Arroyo-Dech, Class of 2015 on being named the Pottstown 4th of July Homecoming Queen. Selection is based on fundraising efforts to support the 4th of July fireworks display. A total of \$6,100 was raised by the representatives from Spring-Ford, OJR, Daniel Boone, Boyertown, and Pottstown.



Eliana and her team easily outdistanced the others by raising over \$3,200.

A special thanks to Barth teacher Ms. Colleen Blute for all of her efforts to support the Homecoming Queen Program. This is the second year in a row that the PHS Queen has won. Megan Remick, Class of 2014 passed the crown to Eliana. This is just another example of the pride and effort our students and staff have in supporting our community. Makes you want to say Proud to be from Pottstown!





PHS Senior, Justin Beasley-Turner showed his Pottstown Pride when he ran in the 1st Annual Pottstown Half Marathon.

He covered the 13.1 miles in a time of 1:30:31 which placed him 15<sup>th</sup> out of 480 runners and 3rd in his age group of 19 and under.

Congratulations, a little "Pride" goes a long way.



## MIDDLE SCHOOL

Emily Hart wins Mahanatawny Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution essay contest. (You can read Emily's full essay by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/2072471-dar1-hart.html>



The Jazz and Concert Bands participated in the Music in the Parks Music Festival. Both bands, under the direction of Mr. Ben Hayes, received 1<sup>st</sup> Place with the highest possible rating of Superior. The Jazz Band also received the Esprit De Corps Award recognizing that they were the best overall attitude, behavior, and sportsmanship for the entire festival.



## 2014-15 POTTSTOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL (7/8) IMPACT AWARD WINNERS

Impact awards are given annually by teams in 7th and 8th grade. The team of teachers selects one student per section for the honor. Students need to make a positive impact and make their teachers proud in the following three areas: giving consistent effort in their academic work, serving as a positive role model in terms of their behavior, and being involved in the school and community. The award is given as a surprise home visit. Each student receives a framed newspaper article certificate detailing his/her achievements and an embroidered Trojans logo bookbag.

### 8 Blue:

- Destyn Snyder - Destyn is a well-rounded student who is an active participant in the school community. He participates in baseball, football, and wrestling. He is also a member of our band as well as jazz band. He is a responsible student and promotes good citizenship.
- Sabrina Lias - Sabrina is reserved but is a leader-in-the-making nevertheless. She is a member of the National Junior Honor Society. She also participates in chorus and track. Outside of Pottstown Middle School she is involved with Girls Today, Leaders Tomorrow. She demonstrates self-control and responsibility in her daily activities.
- Asgar Ali - Asgar enjoys reading fantasy books and has a vast vocabulary. He is always willing to help other classmates be successful. Asgar has shown great growth since the beginning of the school year.
- Subrina Ali - Subrina is very respectful of her teachers, as well as her peers. She is very inquisitive when it comes to her studies. She realizes the importance of reading and strives to do her best in all of her classes.
- Mary Gery - Mary participates in a community gymnastics program. She made an excellent transition from a cyber school program to our middle school despite initial apprehension. We are so excited and proud that Mary has become a member of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade blue team."



Destyn Snyder



Sabrina Lias



Asgar Ali



Subrina Ali



Mary Gery

### 8 White

- Tyler Hall - Tyler does very well in his classes because he works hard at earning those grades. He gives up his time to others and is a great kid to have around. In class, he helps others and is a diligent worker. Tyler is great at helping me with attendance in the mornings. I don't have to ask Tyler if he has his work or not because he always has it. Tyler is a quiet kid and at no time is he ever a behavior problem in class.
- Madison Overholt - Madison conscientiously completes her assignments and adds thoughtful responses to class discussions. Since she excels in her academic studies and is an avid reader, she has consistently earned honor roll status. She was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society as a seventh grader, but continues to contribute community service hours to her organization as an 8<sup>th</sup> grader. Madison contributes to our school's positive climate by being an active member in several other organizations. She is a talented French Horn player and is featured in both the concert and jazz bands. Madison also gets the opportunity to express herself by being a member of the school's yearbook staff.
- Jakob Levengood - Jakob has all of the characteristics of a model student. He is a diligent worker who always displays a desire to achieve. Jakob asks insightful questions as well as shares his thoughts and ideas, demonstrating his understanding of content. Jakob has a wonderful sense of humor that makes many of his classmates smile. Jakob is also a conscientious student, who gets along with his fellow classmates. He has earned the respect of his peers and faculty alike. Jakob has a bright future with lots of promise."
- Aaliyah Palmer - Aaliyah is a wonderful student and a joy to have in the classroom. She always comes to class with a smile on her face and is always ready to learn. She is willing to work hard and does not simply give up when she is confused. Aaliyah is not afraid to ask questions or ask for help when she does not fully understand. She will do whatever it takes to learn, and she will do it with a smile on her face. Aaliyah is the type of student that all teachers enjoy in their classroom.
- Genesis Charriez - Genesis is a student who stands out in several ways. First and foremost, Genesis always strives to do her best in school. Regardless of the type of assignment or its difficulty level, she gives her full concentration and effort in order to do well. Second, she is kind, polite and well mannered. Genesis is the type of student who helps to establish a classroom environment which fosters success. Although these qualities would be sufficient to justify Genesis as an Impact winner, there is yet a more important attribute which cannot be overlooked: she possesses an intrinsic goodness which radiates out from her otherwise reserved demeanor. Genesis sets the standard to which we should all strive.



Tyler Hall



Madison Overholt



Jakob Levengood



Aaliyah Palmer



Genesis Charriez

**7 Blue**

- Jacob Eagle - Jacob is one of the most consistent students at Pottstown Middle School. He strives to do his best in every subject and on every day. Although he is heavily involved in activities such as band, baseball, and honor society, he never forgets that his academics come first. Furthermore, in class, he serves as a role model and example for his peers. His quiet demeanor, respectful attitude, and dogged work ethic speak louder than words.
- Angelica Calel - Angelica is one of the kindest students at Pottstown Middle School. She never has a negative word to say to any student or teacher. Her sunny demeanor and positive attitude brighten up every class that she is in. Furthermore, Angelica has worked hard to improve in all of her academic subjects. From the start of the year to the end, she has made great strides, becoming a consistent and top-notch student.
- Salimah Rahin - Salimah has been one of the most courteous and hard-working students in seventh grade from day one. She has impressed all of her teachers with her quiet work ethic in every single class. No one ever has to tell Salimah twice what to do, as she is constantly striving to learn and improve herself. Furthermore, Salimah's character serves as an example for her peers. She is a positive role model, always doing the right thing.
- Jaelyn Kennedy - Jaelyn has made tremendous strides since the beginning of the year. Her grades have improved to the point where she is a consistent and dependable A student. Jaelyn always takes great care and concentration with her work, never being satisfied until she does the best she can. She is one of the hardest workers in the seventh grade. Furthermore, Jaelyn's upbeat and happy personality shines through in every class. Her kindness is an example for others.
- Winni Weng - Winni is truly one of the most remarkable students in seventh grade. In her academics, she brings forth a daily effort that leads to almost perfect scores in every subject. Outside of the classroom, she is involved heavily in music and sports, never shrinking from a challenge. Winni is also a positive example for her peers, as many ask to work with her in partners and groups. Day in and day out, Winni seems determined to always give her best.



Jacob Eagle	Angelica Calel	Salimah Rahin	Jaelyn Kennedy	Winni Weng
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**7 White**

- Thanea Redrovan - Thanea is a hardworking diligent student who puts forth 100% effort from first period to the last period of the day. She is polite, responsible, and a team player. She is an absolute pleasure to teach and we look forward to seeing what she will accomplish in the future. She is a member of GTLT and has developed skills that will help her have a rewarding future. She has developed her self-esteem and she asserts herself in class by asking questions and clarifying information. She is a role model to students in her section by coming to class prepared, asking questions, and always giving her best effort.
- Alexandria Olvera - Alex is an outstanding student in every aspect. She puts 100% effort into all assignments and truly cares about her education. She demonstrates responsibility always by collecting work she has missed when she is not in the classroom not only for herself but for others. She is multitalented with her involvement in sports and band. Her smile, respectfulness, and scholar qualities make her a true role model to her peers.
- Jessica Calle-Castillo - Jessica is a reliable and respectful student. She has reached out to numerous students in her class to help them with their work in class. She participates in class and asks relevant questions. She works well with any student she is paired with in the classroom. She is a role model to the students in her section for all of these reasons.
- Dereck Darden - Dereck is a diligent, respectful, hardworking student. Dereck can always be counted on to complete assignments on time and to give his all to each one. He is always prepared in class and listens attentively. He will always choose to do the right thing even when those around him do not. Dereck has a great smile that he shows each day and he is a "go-to" student when errands need to be done because he is trustworthy, efficient, and dependable.
- Taylor Smith - Taylor is a reliable and respectful student. She enters class each day with a smile on her face. She works hard in class everyday. She participates in class and asks relevant questions. She works well with any student she is paired with in the classroom. She is a role model in her class for all of these reasons.
- Noah Patten - Noah has all the qualities that a teacher looks for in a student. He is honest, trustworthy, and friendly to all students. Noah can be counted on to use his time wisely in the classroom and to stay focus on his studies. His cheerful manner and respectful nature makes him someone all can look up to.



Thanea Redrovan	Alexandria Olvera	Jessica Calle-Castillo	Dereck Darden	Taylor Smith	Noah Patten
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Mr. Hinnershitz challenged the students in both of his Language Arts classes on the first day of school this year that if they could read 2,000 books on their reading level, he would let them pick his hairstyle. This is an average of over 42 books per student. They accomplished the goal last week and chose for him to get the Mr. T. haircut with the rainbow Mohawk.



## **MCDONALD'S WRITING AWARD WINNERS**

The annual McDonald's Writing Award Contest is sponsored by Bruce and Marcia Graham, owners of the local McDonald's restaurants. This year's topic was "You Become a Character in Your Favorite Video Game, and..." Award winners included:

- ★ Grade 5 – Christinna Longenecker
- ★ Grade 6 – Hannah Wilson
- ★ Grade 7 – Zachary Beekley
- ★ Grade 8 – Elsie Cannell

## **ELEMENTARY**

# Check out our new video on the Construction Project at Rupert Elementary!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lc6KLfBv1uc&feature=youtu.be>

Didn't get a chance to attend the Rupert Re-Dedication on May 2, 2015? Check out this video that highlights the event! Special thanks for PHS Students, and Rupert Alumni, Connor and Brigid Benfield for producing this video!

Click here to see the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zpvg9lp1m44>

### **Barth Elementary School Art Show**



### **Lincoln Elementary School Field Day**



## Rupert Elementary School Reading Picnic



## Rupert Elementary School Art Show





## Franklin Elementary School Art Show



## Lincoln Elementary School Art Show



**Math Olympiad** - Fourth grade students from all four Pottstown Elementary Schools competed against each other in the first annual Math Olympiad! Over 30 students competed as individuals and as teams to complete complex mathematics problem solving questions. In each timed round, students were given 10 mathematical problems to solve. Round one was an individual round, and round two a team round. Team scores were a combination of the individual and team rounds.

The Goals of Math Olympiad:

- To stimulate enthusiasm and a love for Mathematics
- To introduce important Mathematical concepts
- To teach major strategies for problem solving
- To develop Mathematical flexibility in solving problems
- To strengthen Mathematical intuition
- To foster Mathematical creativity and ingenuity
- To provide for the satisfaction, joy, and thrill of meeting challenges

The Results:

Team Winner: Franklin Elementary School

Individual Winners:

1<sup>st</sup> Place- Abby Eagle from W.W. Rupert Elementary School

2<sup>nd</sup> Place- Lily Fetterman from Barth Elementary School

Special Thanks To:

- ★ Tri-County Federal Credit Union for sponsoring the event!
- ★ Our Superintendent, Jeffrey Sparagana, for his support!
- ★ Our Elementary Principals for their support of the event!

Our Pottstown Staff for their help and involvement:

- ★ Barth- Kathy Eagle, Coleen Blute, Cara McGuffin, Nikki Alutius, Rachel Pollock
- ★ Lincoln- Mandi Wampole, Denise Schleicher
- ★ Franklin- Karen Confino, Darla Stout, Bridget Baldwin
- ★ Rupert- Allen Ferster, Diana Dotterer, Nicole Valenti, Jamie Fazekas, Lauren Crean, Del Ferster



Franklin Team



Abby Eagle



Lily Fetterman



Barth Team



Rupert Team



Lincoln Team

Congratulations to all of the girls and their coaches for taking part in this year's Girls on the Run program. Click below to read about how they developed sportsmanship, leadership and confidence:

<http://evan-brandt.blogspot.com/2015/06/girls-on-run-in-pottstown-schools.html>

### **2015 Rupert Elementary School Spelling Bee**

Third and fourth graders participated in the spelling bee. The students came before school one day a week at 7:45 am from January-May to meet as a "club" to prepare the spelling bee. They spent time working with Mrs. Leh and Miss Valenti, spelling bee organizers, on spelling skills.

Students participated in our first annual Spelling Bee. They were on stage and came to center stage and had to spell their words into the microphone for judges, parents and students.



The Winner was 3rd Grader Tyler Broughton from Miss Fazekas's class.

His winning word was - **CRUCIAL**. Tyler received a spelling bee champion medal. He, along with the other participants, received certificates at the awards program.



## ENGLE AWARD WINNERS

<p><b><u>Barth Elementary Winners</u></b> 1<sup>st</sup> place - Lilian Fetterman 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Jocelyn Malauulu 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Anthony Higgins</p>	<p><b><u>Franklin Elementary Winners</u></b> 1<sup>st</sup> place – Mollie Marcheskie 2<sup>nd</sup> place – London Trout 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Timothy Wright</p>
<p><b><u>Lincoln Elementary Winners</u></b> 1<sup>st</sup> place - Kyle Sutton 2<sup>nd</sup> place - William Levey 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Abigail Dise</p>	<p><b><u>Rupert Elementary Winners</u></b> 1<sup>st</sup> place – Abigail Eagle 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Lelani Alberto 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Kaylee Beener</p>

9th grader Alyssa Dlutz organized Barth students and staff to help raise fund for "Bracelets with Hope"



Rupert takes a look back at a great school year and prepares for an exciting 2015-16 year. We will be all smiles when we greet you on Monday August 31st.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N3kjwt6xII&feature=youtu.be>

## **MCDONALD'S WRITING AWARD WINNERS**

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### **Barth Elementary Winners**

Kindergarten – Christian Lively  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Isabella Sanchez  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Gianni Mahario  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Jonathan Moster  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Yameen Rahim



### **Franklin Elementary Winners**

Kindergarten – Kamari Spraggins  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Erika Heller  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Autumn Wright  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Ashlee Landis  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Adrian Haagen



### **Lincoln Elementary Winners**

Kindergarten – Jahvaira Rolle  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Lily Felix  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Emma Tidball  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Ryan Overdorf  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Leah Hess



### **Rupert Elementary Winners**

Kindergarten – Nicky Dimarcello  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Aspen McCalvin  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Aimee White  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Kaitlyn Alessi  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Moniyah Person



# FOUNDATION FOR POTTSTOWN EDUCATION

The Foundation sponsored a highly successful fundraising project “The Harlem Wizards vs. The Pottstown All-Stars.” The game was a sellout with over 1,800 tickets being purchased. Lincoln Elementary School received a \$1,500 award as the elementary school that sold the most tickets. Pottstown Middle School received a \$2,000 award from the Foundation for selling the most tickets at the secondary level. Sponsors for the evening’s events included:

- Platinum Sponsor – Pottstown Memorial Medical Center
- Gold Sponsors – Maillie and Coach Kenny Davis
- Silver Sponsors – Social Solutions, O’Donnell, Weiss, and Mattei, P.C., FastSigns
- Bronze Sponsors – Plastic Supply, Neuber Environmental, Neuber Concrete, Montgomery County Community College, Valley Forge Casino, iBALL, Carmine and Lisa Schiavone

A special thank you to Kevin Hoffman, Mercury photographer, for helping to provide the 1993 State Championship Team portrait.

The event’s Organizing Committee included: Dr. Myra Forrest, Executive Director of the Foundation; Jane Hamilton, Joyce Bagiraneza, Rebecca Hobbs, Danielle McCoy, Popi Protheroe, Lisa Schiavone, Sue Yocom, John Armato, Dennis Arms, Kathy Eagle, Ted Freese, Leon Kanopka, Sherry Shank, and Geoff Thomas.



Cheerleaders:

Kathy Eagle	Jenna Armato
Misty Laboy	Nikki McKim
Janelle Mayes	Amy Skarbek
Megan Keeney - Coach	



1993 Championship Team:

David Auman	Howard Brown
David Charles	Bob Heagy
Brad Neiman	Mike Perate
Jesse Scott	



## **STAFF AND SCHOOL BOARD AWARDS**

Maureen Rieger was the recipient of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution Outstanding Social Studies Teacher. The award recognizes the outstanding social studies teacher whose instruction on the era from 1750 to 1800 demonstrates education efforts in the classroom that exceed and excel above curriculum requirements.



## **TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARDS**

Named as the Pottstown School District Building Teacher of the Year Recipients:

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| ➤ Barth Elementary School                                  | - | Mary Ellen Lammey  |
| ➤ Franklin Elementary School                               | - | Tina Ludy          |
| ➤ Lincoln Elementary School                                | - | Karen Seemann      |
| ➤ Rupert Elementary School                                 | - | Christine Fiorillo |
| ➤ Pottstown Middle School 5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> | - | Aaron Torrence     |
| ➤ Pottstown Middle School 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> | - | John Martin        |
| ➤ Pottstown High School                                    | - | Scott Braunsberg   |



Mary Ellen Lammey  
was the district  
Teacher of the Year!



Franklin Elementary School first grade teacher Jane Hospador was recently recognized by the Freebom Credit Union and Montgomery County Intermediate Unit as one of the top 23 finalists in the eighth annual "Voice of Inspiration" Award for teaching excellence. Jane is a 17 year veteran of the Pottstown School District and strives to create a happy environment where learning can take place and kids can enjoy learning. The award was established to recognize educators and support specialists who exceed expectations in meeting their students' needs.



Some of our staff took time to submit pictures of student and staff school life and Mrs. Minger's Telecommunications class made a video to show why we say "Proud to be from Pottstown" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s3KW4w8svc0>

Congratulations to Carol Brightbill from the IT Department for recently having her photo entitled "Sunset Glow" the winner of the David and Arthur Nuzzo Award for photography at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Art on The Hill art show presented by the Pottstown Area Artist Guild.



Former Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ray E. Feick competed in the Mid-Atlantic Masters Track and Field Championships and took first place in the shot-put, hammer throw, discus, javelin, 12 pound weight throw, and 25 pound weight throw. Dr. Feick also placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall and achieved All-American status in the 80 to 84 age bracket at the USA Track and Field Eastern Regional Throwing Pentathlon Championships. He took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the hammer and weight throws and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the shot put, discus, and javelin.



## THANK YOU TO OUR FRIENDS

- ❖ Thank you to Grumpy's Restaurant and Beverly's Pastry Shop for sponsoring this year's Culinary Arts "Chopped Challenge." Students were able to use their creativity, imagination, and culinary skills in order to meet the challenge of creating a sandwich and cupcake. The winning students will have their creations featured at both Grumpy's Restaurant and Beverly's Pastry Shop.

- ❖ Thank you to Greg Cavallo of Office Technologies for their donation of eight (8) color printers for student and staff use. Your dedication and commitment to supporting learning opportunities for our students is greatly appreciated.



- ❖ Thank you to Friendly's Restaurant for supporting the efforts of Eliana Arroyo-Dech in becoming the Pottstown Fourth of July Homecoming Queen.



- ❖ Thank you to an anonymous donor who presented Barth Elementary School fourth grade teacher Nikki Alutius with \$100 to support the Reading Olympics Program.
- ❖ Our Summer Basketball/Reading Program was a big success again this year. Yes I did say reading, in order to play in the games students had to first read and give book reports. You can see why we say Proud to be from Pottstown. Thanks to our hometown coaches.





## **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 Trojan" 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).

- **Michael Anthony Kornoski** - Class of 1987 - Born in Pottstown he is the son of Gilbert Kornoski and the late Janet (Wioncek) Kornoski. Like his mom, Mike was an artist. He inherited her love for landscaping and was a very gifted . He was employed by ProMark Landscaping. Mike was an avid sports fan who wrestled for Pottstown High School, played Legion ball, and was a lifelong Phillies Fan.
- **Richard M. Francis** - Class of 1941 - was the husband of Jean A. (Krause) Francis. Born in Pottstown, PA, he was a son of the late Gerald Francis and Dorothy (Neely) Francis. He was a Veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Coast Guard on the USS Bisbee – PF46. Until recent, Mr. Francis was President of the Universal Machine & Engineering Corp., Stowe, PA, where he worked since 1961. His family carries on the business operations today. He was a member of Hope Church – A United Methodist Congregation in Douglassville, PA and the Elks Club of Pottstown, PA Richard was a car enthusiast, enjoyed playing golf; in earlier years, making silver jewelry and deer hunting in Clinton County. He loved the beach and spent time at his home in Ocean City, NJ. Richard appreciated time with his family, and cherished his grandchildren and great grandchildren.
- **Donald George Miller** - Class of 1940 - Born in Pottstown on July 14, 1922 Donald was the son of Clarence and Blanche (Fry) Miller. He served in the South Pacific as an Army Staff Sgt. during WWII. He worked for Spicer Mfg. (Dana Corp), Cann & Saul Steel Co. and was a Kellogg retiree of Mrs. Smith's Frozen Food, retiring in 1985. He was an avid reader and enjoyed doing crossword puzzles and crypto quotes daily. He was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Stichter Lodge #264, Reading Consistory and Beneficial Society Victor Emmanuel II.
- **Reverend William Everett Harner Jr.** - Class of 1944 - After graduating from Pottstown High School in 1944, he went to work. In December 1944, he was inducted into the U.S. Army where he served his country proudly until his discharge on August 26, 1946. Bill moved back home to the Pine Forge area to marry his sweetheart and the only girl he ever kissed, Thelma Reinert. They married on July 5, 1947. Bill attended Ursinus College from 1949-1953, majoring in history and political science, all while working the 11 p.m.-7 a.m. shift at Dana Corporation. Following graduation, he attended the Lancaster Seminary from 1953-1956 and received a Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1956 and Master of Divinity degree in 1970. He was ordained June 10, 1956 by the Philadelphia Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church in his home church, Zion Reformed in Pottstown. He served as pastor in Shoemakersville, Gibraltar, Bethlehem, and Amityville. He retired from St. Paul's UCC, Amityville on Dec. 31, 1991. He last served as pastor of Visitation for Good Shepherd United Church of Christ in Boyertown. Bill was a decorated man and enjoyed serving the Lord, members of the church, and many community organizations. He joined the Masonic Fraternity in 1957. He was a life member of Boyertown Lodge #741 F&AM, Hamburg's Vaux Lodge #406 F&AM, Pottstown Royal Arch Masons Chapter #198, Pottstown's Nativity Commandery #71, Valley Of Reading Scottish Rite

Masons and Rajah Temple, Reading PA. He was chaplain of Rajah Temple for thirty five years and also was a former editor of Rajah News.

- **Stanley H. Miller** - Class of 1948 - Born in Pottstown, Stanley was a son of the late Maurice Miller and Anna Krasnick Miller. He was a car salesman for much of his life, owning Autoland, a used car lot in the 1970s. During the Korean War, Stanley served in the US Air Force Reserves, 148th Fighter Squadron, and was a member of the Jewish War Veterans. He was a lifetime member of the Masons Stichter Lodge No. 254 in Pottstown, Consistory Reading Lodge No. 549 and Shriner Rajah Temple of Reading, PA. Helping people was important to him, so among other things, he volunteered at the Whitaker Center in Harrisburg, PA, and served as a blood donor all of his adult life. A music lover, Stanley was especially fond of jazz, blues and loved to go dancing.
- **Audra Lynn Ricketts** - Class of 1991 - Born in Pottstown, Pa., Audra was the only child of Debra Ricketts-Blood of Pottstown, Pa., and the eldest grandchild of the late Gladys Goff. She grew up spending much of her time with her Aunt Lisa and Uncles Andre, Brian and Corey who regarded her more as a little sister than a niece. Audra pursued her many career aspirations that started as a nursing student. She obtained a Juris Doctorate degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law School – Lansing, Mich., a cosmetology license and worked in the legal and insurance industry. Outside of the office, Audra enjoyed ice fishing, hunting, ice skating, country line dancing, and karaoke with her fiancé, James Raymond Cornelius of Tustin, Mich. She also enjoyed spending time with her canine children and opened her home to foster dogs. Audra loved both writing and telling funny stories, bringing amusement to her family and friends and making everyone laugh.
- **William G. Ketner** - Class of 1947 – He was the husband of Helen M. (Read) Ketner. Born in Bowers, he was the son of the late George and Blanche (Schwoyer) Ketner. He worked as a pattern maker and carpenter at the former Jacobs Pattern in Stowe and W.D. Pattern Co. in Trappe for a total of 50 years. Bill belonged to the Pottstown Elks Lodge BPOE #814 for 40 years. He was active for many years in Boy Scouts, Little League Baseball in Upper Pottsgrove Twp., and helped build the original Upper Pottsgrove Swim Club. Bill was also an avid bowler.
- **Betty L. (Jobeck) Risko** - Class of 1945 - She was the wife of the late Peter Risko. Born in Pottstown, she was a daughter of the late Dorothy P. (Sheffy) and Frank C. Jobeck, Sr. Betty was a homemaker and had worked as a cashier and hostess for The Pennsburg Diner for 12 years and also the CVS in Boyertown. She was a member of St. Philip Neri Catholic Church, Pennsburg and participated in the Ladies Auxiliary of the church. She was a 1945 graduate of Pottstown High School and was active with the reunions and monthly gatherings. Betty also worked in her parent's floral shop, Jobeck's Florist and Greenhouse in Pottstown for many years and after closing continued making floral arrangements as a hobby. She enjoyed being around people and entertaining at her farm.

- **Doris U. Moyer** - Class of 1942 - Her remarkable life encompassed numerous personal, civic and professional accomplishments. A graduate of Allentown Hospital School of Nursing (RN), and the Albert Einstein Medical Center School of Nursing (MS, Anesthesia), she was a nurse anesthetist, and later, a school nurse. After raising her family, she earned a real estate broker license and practiced for 35 years, founding her own firm, Doris Moyer Real Estate, in 1984. A stalwart of the Republican Party, in 1972 she served as Campaign Chairperson for Congressman Edwin D. Eshleman's re-election. In 1977, she was the first woman to be elected Chairperson of the Lancaster County Republican Party. A founding member of Westgate Baptist Church in Lancaster, she served on the Board of Trustees, Board of Deacons, taught Sunday school, and volunteered countless hours for over forty years. A committed volunteer, a few of her activities were: Girl Scout Troop Leader, Cub Scout Den Mother, Member of Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter 501, Lancaster General Hospital Chaplain's Office volunteer, and founder of the Macular Degeneration Support Group, Chairperson of the Loss of Hearing Group, member of The Red Hat Society at Brethren Village.
- **Gregory D. Gramata** - Class of 1967 - He was the husband of Barbara A. (Weikel) Gramata whom he married on October 11, 1986. Born in Coaldale, Schuylkill County, he was a son of the late Michael and Anna (Roshay) Gramata. Greg served in the US Army during the Vietnam War. He worked for many years in the steel industry and most recently owned Coach's Beer & Soda in Reading until retiring in 2012. He was an active member of the Skyline Drive Corvette Club of Reading. Greg's interests were Corvette trips, cars and college sports. His passion all of his life was Notre Dame Football.
- **Robert William Hoffman** - Class of 1946 – He was the son of the late Leidy and Annie (Kulp) Hoffman. He was known as The Duke for his impeccable attire. Mr. Hoffman worked for S. Miller and Sons Clothier. He started a successful janitorial business, Kleen-A-Way in the early 1960s and continued to work through 2011.
- **Nancy W. Witman** - Class of 1957- She was the wife of Gerald L. Witman. She was born in Schuylkill County and moved to Pottstown at the age of three. She was the daughter of the late Charles R. Watkins and Beatrice (Boyer) Watkins. She worked for J.C. Penney and then became an antique dealer for more than 25 years. She had a shop at Zern's Market in Gilbertsville and sold at Black Angus in the nineties. She was also the past President and State Secretary of Pottstown Jayceettes.
- **Deborah M. Slobodin** - Class of 1974 - Born in Pottstown, she is the daughter of Sophie (Lengyel) Slobodin and the late John M. Slobodin. She was employed as a nurse's aide at Phoenixville Manor. She was a graduate of Empire Beauty School, a member of North End Pool Swim Club and a member of St. John's Byzantine Catholic Church.

- **Ryan L. Reddick** - Class of 1992 – Ryan was born Dec. 18, 1973, in Pottstown, Pa. to Joseph and Joyce Reddick, Sr. Ryan traveled around the world with the American education organization Up with People (UWP). He later attended Penn State University majoring in liberal arts. Ryan worked vigilantly at Electronics Boutique/Game Stop where he became one of the top salesmen on the east coast, granting him his own shop to manage in Irvine, Calif. After years of service, Ryan realized that he could focus his computer and gaming knowledge within the Blizzard Entertainment gaming community. Within a few years Ryan transferred to Blizzard's Austin, Texas location. Ryan then moved onto Azuma Leasing within their customer service department, and later his current company Amazing.com.
- **Ann E. (Hutt) Miller** - Class of 1951 - Her husband, Robert Miller died on June 24, 2014. Born in Pottstown, she was the daughter of the late Irvin and Florence (Adams) Hutt. Ann loved being a member of the Wyomissing Church of the Brethren. She enjoyed sewing, baking and quilting.
- **John William Day** - Class of 1966 - He was born on October 8, 1946 in Pottstown to the late Graham and Julia A. Laws Day. John served his country in the US Army in Korea and attended cooking school while in the service. He later worked at Superior Lube and Firestone. John was a member of The Elks - Montgomery Lodge 1271, VFW Post 47 and the American Legion of Pottstown. He especially loved to cook and fine dining, with a specialty in French food, breads and always had a classy presentation.
- **Mark E. Runkel Jr.** - Class of 1951 - Husband of the late Ruth I. (Freese) Runkel. Born in Pottstown, he was the son of the late Mark E. Sr. and Mabel (Burdan) Runkel. He was 26 year US Air Force veteran serving during both the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War.
- **Margaret “Peg” A. (Geary) Frain** - Class of 1949 – She was the wife of Richard S. Frain. She and her husband would have been married 65 years this November. Peg was born April 11, 1931 in Pottstown, PA. She was a daughter of the late Paul Geary and Edith (Saylor) Geary. Peg was a member of the PHS reunion committee. Peg was a member of Trinity Reformed U.C.C., The Pottstown Garden Club, The Herb Society of Pennsylvania, and the Rose Club. Many of her flower arrangements were shown in the Pottstown Mercury. She enjoyed gardening, flower arranging, sewing, knitting, and was a fan of the Phillies. Peg was also a voracious reader of classic books.



## **FALLEN TROJANS STAFF MEMBERS**



- **Eleanor S. (Swede) Jones** - wife of the late Martin C. Jones. Born in Pottstown, she was the daughter of the late Irvin B. and Louie (Ladner) Swede. Eleanor was a lifelong member of First Presbyterian Church in Pottstown where she was an elder, deacon, a member of the choir, and taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. She was a teacher in the Pottstown area for 30 years beginning at Franklin Elementary in 1941, Jefferson Elementary, West Vincent and North Coventry schools beginning in the 1960s. Eleanor and Martin directed youth fellowship and bible study groups during their lifetime together. As a devoted mother she was also greatly involved in the lives of her children at the Wyndcroft School, Kimberton Farms School and The Hill School.
- **June Arlene (Weis) Scherer** - Class of 1944 - She was the wife of the late Charles "Donald" Scherer with whom she shared 49 years of marriage. Born in Pottstown, PA, she was a daughter of the late Oliver Weis and Anna Mae (Mauger) Weis. She worked as an administrative assistant for Pottstown School District for over 30 years. She was a longtime member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Pottstown, PA. Mrs. Scherer enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and caring for her Bichon-Poo "Archie" and traveling with her husband following retirement.
- **Betty M. (Gamby) Weaver** - widow of Frederick S. Weaver. Born in Reading, PA, she was a daughter of the late Eugene and Kathryn (Moyer) Gamby. Mrs. Weaver was employed by the Pottstown School District, working in the kitchen for 12 years, and retiring in 1989. She was also active with the voting polls working at the former Ludwig Motors Building and then at First Church of the Brethren.
- **Peggy F. Drake** - She was an educator, teacher, and historian, who was employed for 37 years as a history teacher for the Pottstown School District. She also coached girls' field hockey. She was a tremendous and accomplished athlete herself, having been a former member of the US Women's Olympic Lacrosse Team until being injured. She had also been a social worker in the Chester, PA area. Some of her fondest memories were from her 20s, traveling the world as a member of the USO, including service in Okinawa and the South Pacific, and especially during her time acting as special envoy to Bob Hope for some of his USO shows performed for veterans. Peggy loved and positively influenced the lives of countless young students of the Pottstown School District, with whom she developed many lasting relationships.

## ALUMNI

- ◆ **Jasheel Brown** – Class of 2013 and a former member of the Trojan wrestling team, is attending Pennsylvania University where he is a sophomore. He recently took 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the National Collegiate Tae Kwon Do Championships.
- ◆ **Zachary Davis** – Class of 2013 is currently attending Montgomery County Community College pursuing a degree in computer technology. He was recognized for a dean's list award for the fall of 2014 semester.
- ◆ **Erica Weekley** – Class of 2003 is the Assistant Borough Manager for Pottstown. She is responsible for overseeing the Pottstown Area Rapid Transit System, the Pottstown Municipal Airport, and Community and Economic Development Initiatives. She also plans and administers operating and capital projects in the borough. She has been named to the Communities In Motion Board of Directors. She is also a board director for the Foundation for Pottstown Education and serves as the President of the Parks and Recreation Foundation. Erica graduated from Shippensburg University with a degree in political science and secondary education, government concentration.
- ◆ **Danae Perrymond** – Class of 2012 is a junior at Gwynedd Mercy College and is a member of the women's lacrosse team. She was named to the Colonial States Athletic Conference Honorable Mention Team. She is ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the conference for caused turnovers and has scored 23 goals.
- ◆ **Saige Zaborsky** - Class of 2012 is currently a junior at Kutztown University where she is studying Communications with a double minor in Electronic Media and Digital Communications and New Media. Saige is involved in the Communications Club, Public Relations Club, and National Broadcast Society. As part of her New Media & Communications class she created a website for the Special Olympics of Pennsylvania
- ◆ **Sharif Harris** – Class of 2011 will be graduating from Lincoln University. He plans to attend a master's program at American University to assist him in his ultimate goal of becoming a United States diplomat.
- ◆ **Kenneth Kutt** – Class of 2014 recently completed basic combat training at Fort Jackson Columbia, South Carolina. During his training, he studied the Army mission, history, tradition, and core values. He received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, the military justice system, and basic first aide.
- ◆ **Herbert Fry** – Class of 1944 graduated as the Valedictorian and immediately enlisted in the United States Army where he was a member of the 69<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division that saw service in Europe including entering West Germany. He is a graduate of Syracuse University and had a successful career as a certified public accountant and corporate financial executive.
- ◆ **Mark Gibson** – Class of 1975 is a former Borough Councilman and presently is a firefighter and constable. Recently he was recognized by the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office for his outstanding efforts in assisting in prosecution and conviction of a felon.

- ◆ **Nicole Grassi** – Class of 2014 was named to the Dean’s List at Misericordia University.
- ◆ **Lauren Patrizi** – Class of 1999 is a teacher and girls’ tennis coach at Oakton High School in Virginia. Recently, her girls’ tennis team won the State Championship competition.
- ◆ **Ron Downie** – Class of 1953 was named the Grand Marshal of the Pottstown 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade for 2015. Mr. Downie is the first person to be recognized as a grand marshal for the community activities. He has a long list of volunteer service to the community including elected to Borough Council and the Pottstown School Board. He has served as Chairman of the Pottstown Borough Authority and has been a member of the Parks and Recreation Board, the Pottstown Cable Commission, and has been the Chairman of the Carousel at Pottstown and the Schuylkill River Greenway Association. Mr. Downie also served with the Building Industries Exchange, the Jaycees, and the AMBUCS. He recently received a 50 year pin for being a member of the Stichter Lodge #254FM Masonic Lodge. He was recently named “Elk of the Year” for Pottstown Lodge #814. Mr. Downie has also been recognized by the Pottstown School District as being named a member of their Alumni Honor Roll.
- ◆ **Josh Metzger** – Class of 2013 was recently named to the dean’s list at the Pennsylvania College of Technology.
- ◆ **Trevon Clifford** – Class of 2012 has completed basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina. During his training, he studied the Army mission, history, tradition, and core values. He received instruction and practice in physical fitness, basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, and field training exercises.
- ◆ **Sarah Zahora** – Class of 2011 recently graduated from James Madison University with a Cum Laude degree in hospitality management.

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