

POTTSTOWN PRIDE

ACADEMICS AND ACTIVITIES
PARTNERS FOR EDUCATIONAL
EXCELLENCE



SPRING-SUMMER 2014

Pottstown Schools – Building a Better Tomorrow

POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

POINTS OF PRIDE

SPRING-SUMMER 2014

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

IT IS BETTER TO BUILD STRONG CHILDREN THAN TRY TO REPAIR ADULTS.

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FOOTBALL

Senior members of the football team named to play in the Pioneer Athletic Conference Senior Bowl All-Star Football game are Denzel Harvey, Jalontae Lighty, and Niko Teller.

BASEBALL

Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference Second Team

- Mason Pennypacker

Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference Honorable Mention Team

- Logan Pennypacker

Named to The Mercury All Area Honorable Mention Team

- Jason Hydier
- Jordan Mullen
- Mason Pennypacker
- Logan Pennypacker

SOFTBALL

Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference Honorable Mention Team

- Miranda Swinehart
- Terri Chestnut

Named to The Mercury All Area Honorable Mention Team

- Terri Chestnut

GIRLS' LACROSSE

Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference Honorable Mention Team

- Tyisha Reddick

Named to The Mercury All Area Honorable Mention Team

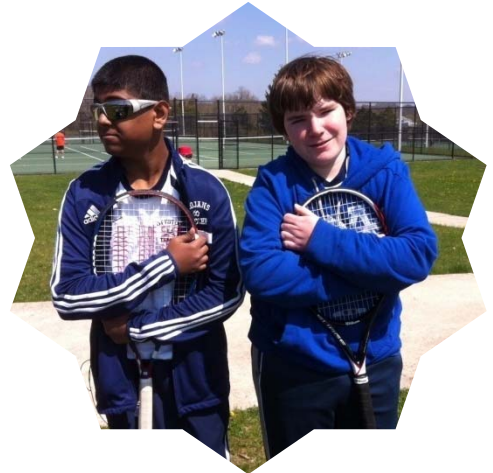
- Tyisha Reddick
- Sidney Sanford



Congratulations to Madison Mackewicz. She signed a letter of intent to attend Seton Hill University where she will major in Early Childhood Education and participate on the Women's Lacrosse Team.

BOYS' TENNIS

Congratulations to our boys' tennis players Dylan Brandt and Kenny Patel. Proud to have you represent PHS on their great effort at the Perkiomen Valley Tournament.



BOYS' TRACK

Named to the Mercury All Area Honorable Mention Team

- Bryant Quill

ACADEMIC RECOGNITIONS

PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE ALL ACADEMIC TEAM

- Baseball - Nick Irvin
- Lacrosse - Tyisha Reddick
- Softball - Leanne Strauss
- Boys' Track - Soloman Bailey
- Girls' Track - Hailey Shankle

PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CITIZEN ATHLETE AWARD

- Tyisha Reddick

HIGH SCHOOL

Congratulations to Kourage Norris for taking 1st Place at the Health Occupations Students of America State Conference competition in extemporaneous posters. Her combination of knowledge, imagination, and artistic talent led her to the 1st place finish and qualified her to compete at the National Leadership Conference later this year. Also attending and competing in the competitions were Kasia Butts taking part in the medical terminology competition and Kenisha Holloway served as Chapter Representative and was part of the voting delegation at the conference.



The Pottstown High School Jazz Band competed in the 15th Annual Valley Jazz Fest held at Perkiomen Valley Middle School. The band, under the direction of Mr. Michael Vought, received an "Outstanding" rating with trombone soloist Sherif Mohamed and saxophonist Marley Bryan receiving honorable mention awards in the category of "Outstanding Soloist." The rhythm section consisting of Jake Fetterman, Conor Christman, Maxine Bacon, Eddie Butler, Cole Sellers, and Jake Wunderlich earned the "Outstanding Rhythm Section" award.

Results from Montgomery County Intermediate Unit Regional Computer Fair Competition

Earning 1st Place in the Graphic Design Category were seniors Chelsea Yergey, Tyler Thorne, and Kaelei Brant. Earning 3rd Place in the Web Design Category were Andrea Moses and Kaleb White.



Members of National Honor Society and Alternative Education class partnered with students from The Hill School to participate in the 2nd Pottstown CARES Day. Students performed a number of community service projects including landscaping and street cleanup, painting projects at Ricketts Center, and trail clearing at Riverfront Park.

CARES stands for:

(Community, Awareness, Responsibility, Empowerment, Sustainability)



Congratulations to Tyisha Reddick for being recognized by the Mahanatawny Chapter of the Daughters of American Revolution (DAR) with their Good Citizens Award. Tyisha plans to attend Penn State University this year. She was also awarded a citation from State Representative Mark Painter.



Congratulations to the Student Government and HOSA students who organized three blood donation drives during the school year. A total of 156 units of blood were collected and donated to our local hospital. This donation helped to save 468 lives this year.



Pottstown High School senior Megan Remick was crowned the Pottstown Fourth of July Queen 2014

During the months of May and June, she competed with representatives from Boyertown, Pottsgrove, and Owen J. Roberts. The Queen was determined by the amount of fundraising that each contestant raised. A total of over \$7,800 was raised by the four contestants - \$5,100 was raised by Megan Remick and her family. We are proud to have Megan represent our school and community!



Pottstown High School held the first induction ceremony for the National Technical Honor Society. In order to be part of the Pottstown High School Chapter of the National Technical Honor Society students need to obtain a cumulative grade point average of 90% overall and a minimum average of 94% in the area of vocational concentration. Additionally, students must meet high standards of leadership, service, and character, which are three of the four criteria on which this organization was built. The inductees were Kasia Butts, Emily Griffin, Kenisha Holloway, Jasmine Maldonado, Kourage Norris, Ahryannah Ragland Giles, Tatiana Robinson, Ashli Sinclair, Tyler Thorne and Ronni Yerk.

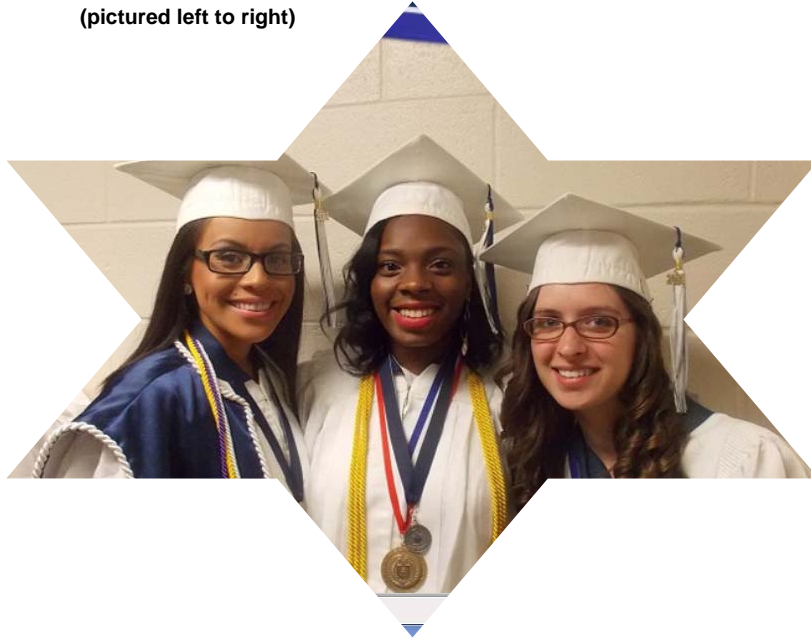


Class of 2014 Information

- Number of girls – 80
- Number of boys – 96
- Number of students who attended Pottstown schools for all 12 years of their education – 126
- Post High School Plans:
 - Continuing Education:
 - 4 year college/university – 62
 - 2 year college/university – 45
 - Trade/technical school – 9
 - Armed Services – 9
 - Work World – 14
 - Other (homemaker, unemployed, unknown, etc.) – 18



Class President – Jasmine Maldonado
Salutatorian – Tyisha Reddick
Valedictorian – Nicole Grassi
(pictured left to right)



<http://www.pottsmc.com/general-news/20140612/photos-pottstown-high-school-graduation>



MIDDLE SCHOOL

The jazz band, performing under the direction of Mr. Ben Hayes, received a “Superior” rating at the Arcola Jazz Competition. Also gaining honors as the “Best Trumpet” section were members Mitchell Aquino, Will Minnick, AJ Ecker, Nick Wilson, Kiersten Heverly, and Jonathan Bruski. Will Minnick was recognized as the “Outstanding Trumpet Soloist.”



Two hundred forty (240) fifth grade students successfully completed the ten week D.A.R.E. Program and received graduation certificates at a ceremony held in the auditorium. Nine classroom essay award winners were also recognized:

- ❖ Darius Smallwood
- ❖ Talia Spruill
- ❖ Haley Haas
- ❖ Harmony Wood
- ❖ Naomi Parson
- ❖ Kishan Patel
- ❖ Alyzeah Hedgepeth
- ❖ Emily Plowfield
- ❖ Caitlin Kanagie



MCDONALD'S WRITING AWARD WINNERS:

- 5TH Grade – Isabelle DuPon
- 6th Grade – Madison Friedman
- 7th Grade – Amanda Endy
- 8th Grade – Ceara Jackson

Fifth grade students took part in a fun day activity program organized by teachers Mike DiDonato and Mandy Langdon. Students participated in a number of healthy, physically challenging activities that gave them opportunity to develop balance, stamina, and agility while gaining an appreciation for life healthy activities.



Fifth grade students participate in Walk-a-thon to support the Save the Lights Project



Fifth and sixth graders participated in an afterschool robotics program. Over 40 students took part in this first year program that is part of the school district's STEM Education Initiatives.



ELEMENTARY

Over 100 parents and students attended the **Family Movie Night Out at Franklin**. A special thank you to Ted and Lori Freese, Jane Hospador, Sue Hallman, Cindy Kuklinski, Ray Golden, Leon Kanopka, and the Friends of Franklin for making this night a hit.



Rupert student received a visit from **“Strong Man” Bud Jeffries** who performed incredible acts of strength at a school assembly where he talked about the value of reading and having self-confidence.



He also reminded them that bullying is wrong and they should report incidents to their teachers.



Lincoln Elementary students, under the direction of Wellness teacher Jane Thompson, took part in the **“Jump Rope for the American Heart Association”** fundraiser. The school raised over \$800.00 with third grader Lainey Eck earning top honors.



Students and staff at **Rupert Elementary School** took part in the **“Pennies for Patients”**

fundraiser to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and raised over \$1,200.00.

Ms. Diana Dotterer’s 4th grade class

had the highest total with \$189.00. Other classes donating over \$100.00 included Shannon Wagner’s 1st grade class, Susan Paravis’ 2nd grade class, and kindergartners in Jacinda Bartolucci’s class.



Laurie Gresko, **Rupert** teacher, was the winner of the **Faculty Pedometer Challenge**. She, along with 11 other teachers, wore pedometers Monday through Friday for four weeks. Laurie’s grand total added up to 148 miles.

Barth's "Switch It Up Day" - Students came to school dressed like a teacher or the principal while staff members wore the Pottstown School District uniform.



Barth's "Girls On The Run" prior to their 5K race at Wissahickon High School on Sunday morning.



Congratulations to the third and fourth grade girls who were part of the "Girls On The Run" program. They completed a 12 week training program which ended with each girl and their coach running in a 3.1 mile race.

Training sessions also included life skill lessons and community service projects.

Girls participating were:

The Barth annual Faculty vs. 4th grade kickball game was won by the faculty which dominated the game displaying athleticism, teamwork, determination, class and positive attitudes! And they needed all of that to beat the 4th graders. There was an enormous amount of support provided by K-3rd grade students during the event! Everyone closed out the year on a fun note.



Amber Adamski	Brianna Higgins
Gianna Allen	Makenzie Johnson
Jenia Brown	Aniyah Jones
Khaia Burgess	Chasey Jules
Mia Caballero-Vega	Kylee Kennon
Josie Chladek	Jocelyn Malauulu
Hannah Jane Daniels	Mackenzie Moser
Margaret DiPietro	Kira Rodriguez
Lily Fetterman	Ariana Torres
Sanai Greene-Brinkley	Oralee Wilson
Jazmin Gulick	Chakae Tinson

Coaches were:

- Sarah Blaum – PHS
- Sarah Paul –Barth
- Rachel Pollock – Barth
- Mary Anderson – Barth
- Jennifer Burkholder – Barth
- Matthea Mazzie - Barth
- Ashley Lanyon – Barth volunteer
- Megan Walsh – Barth volunteer
- Helen Bowers – PHS
- Melissa Schubert – PHS

Jaime Parris, from Barth Elementary School, directed a summer basketball program for third and fourth grade boys and girls. The four week program included development of skills and physical conditioning.



At the end of the program, students participated in a tournament. In order to be eligible for the tournament, students had to have read at least two books and handed in a book report prior to being eligible to participate in the tournament.



Mr. Matt Moyer and members of the Rupert staff conducted summer-long programs for students and families. Story and Game Day had over 14 children and their families take part in reading activities and games.



A special thanks to Mrs. Paravis, Ms. Kohl, Ms. Fazekas, Mrs. Meyers, and Mrs. Shank for being guest readers.

WILLIAM A. ENGLE AWARD WINNERS

Barth Elementary School

- 1st Place – Christinna Longenecker
- 2nd Place – Zachary Mitchell
- 3rd Place – Makenzie Johnson

Lincoln Elementary School

- 1st Place – Abigail Rochlin
- 2nd Place – Isabella Harmon
- 3rd Place – Jaynianna Williams

Franklin Elementary School

- 1st Place – Elizabeth Eames
- 2nd Place – Timothy Weller
- 3rd Place – Tommie Shi

Rupert Elementary School

- 1st Place – Scarlet Vallejo
- 2nd Place – Jon Engleman
- 3rd Place – Gabriel Roseo



Barth's Engle
Winners

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 "If I found a magic wand." Award winners included:

Barth Elementary Winners

Kindergarten – Saniya Cruz
1st Grade – Evan Draucker
2nd Grade – Regina Fleming
3rd Grade – Yameen Rahim
4th Grade – Makenzie Johnson



Franklin Elementary Winners

Kindergarten – Faye Garman
1st Grade – Diego Aguilera
2nd Grade – Phoenix Rhoads
3rd Grade – Lucas Rosen
4th Grade – Elias Hill



Lincoln Elementary Winners

Kindergarten – Corry Russel
1st Grade – Tatiana McVey
2nd Grade – Aniyah Franqui
3rd Grade – Ariana Walters
4th Grade – Isabella Harman



Rupert Elementary Winners

Kindergarten – Nate Grace
1st Grade – Arion Hill
2nd Grade – Kaitlyn Alessi
3rd Grade – Connor Heller
4th Grade – Makenzie Grepps



SPOTLIGHT ON SAVING THE LIGHTS



Thank you to
Wolf and Baldwin
Associates for their
generous donation to
help save the lights.



Thank you to Mrs. Heiser and the Trojans 4 a Cure in their fundraising event to help save the lights.
A special thank you to all of the staff members and students who volunteered their time for a great night of fun and entertainment.



STAFF AND SCHOOL BOARD AWARDS

Congratulations to Superintendent of Schools Dr. Jeffrey Sparagana for being awarded the Outstanding School Partner Award from Montgomery County Family Services. He was recognized for his vision and innovative leadership in being the driving force behind the development and growth of the Pottstown Early Action for Kindergarten Readiness Program and for assisting in promoting Pottstown School District participation along with Family Services in the FAST Program (Families and Schools Together) and the Pottstown Middle School Bullying Prevention Program.

Congratulations to high school teacher Helen Bowers for being named a finalist in the Voices of Inspiration 8th annual awards program sponsored by Freedom Credit Union and the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit. Ms. Bowers was recognized with 22 other educators from Montgomery County for their dedication, professionalism, and commitment to students.



Congratulations to high school teacher Marilyn Bainbridge for becoming a published author with her child's book "What Was That Sound?" Mrs. Bainbridge was inspired to write this book by one of her children who was a particularly light sleeper and would constantly wake up worried about noises in the night.



Dr. LaTanya White, Supervisor of Virtual and Alternative Learning, was recently named to the Board of Directors of the YWCA. Dr. White has implemented the district-wide cyber school program and was recognized in 2013 by the YWCA's Women EXCEL Program as part of their tribute to Exceptional Women Program.



Pottstown School District's Dragon Boat Team won the "Educators Cup" at the Regatta, at Boat House Row in Philly. Congrats Team!

TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

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

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|--|---|-----------------|
| ➤ Barth Elementary School | - | Sarah Paul |
| ➤ Franklin Elementary School | - | Julie Boettcher |
| ➤ Lincoln Elementary School | - | Mandy Wampole |
| ➤ Rupert Elementary School | - | Jamie Fazekas |
| ➤ Pottstown Middle School 5 th /6 th | - | Amy Gazzillo |
| ➤ Pottstown Middle School 7 th /8 th | - | Arden Moore |
| ➤ Pottstown High School | - | Kelly Smale |



**Named Pottstown School District
Teacher of the Year – Sarah Paul**



175TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



*celebrating
our
175th Birthday*

HOME GROWN TROJAN PRIDE

We are proud to recognize Pottstown Trojans who have returned to our school district to provide opportunities and inspire the future leaders of our country:

- **Gerauldine Alderfer** – Class of 2008 – Intervention Assistant
- **Robin Huss Anderson** – Class of 1994 – Kindergarten Teacher Lincoln Elementary
- **John J. Armato** – Honorary Graduate Class of 2014 – Volunteer Director of Community Relations
- **Dennis Arms** – Class of 2005 – High School Business Education Teacher and Key Club Advisor
- **Bridget Baldwin** – Class of 2008 – Fourth Grade Learning Support Teacher – Franklin Elementary
- **Jacob Bean** – Class of 2004 – Intervention Specialist and Assistant Football and Baseball Coach
- **Brad Bechtel** – Class of 1988 – Head Wrestling Coach
- **Calista Germany Boyer** – Class of 1995 – Lincoln Elementary Principal
- **Susan Searfoss Davis** – Class of 1977 – Benefits Coordinator
- **Karen Weary Dilliplane** – Class of 1978 – School Nurse Barth Elementary
- **Rhonda Lawler Dinnocenti** – Class of 1988 – Administrative Assistant for Student Services
- **Kathy Eagle** – Class of 1993 – First grade Teacher at Barth Elementary
- **Jan Paolucci Endy** – Class of 1985 – Word Processing Specialist
- **Todd Endy** – Class of 1981 – Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach
- **Aliceclair laeger Faust** – Class of 1974 – Middle School Librarian
- **Theodore Freese** – Class of 1985 – Elementary Librarian
- **William Grim** – Class of 2000 – Head Custodian Barth Elementary
- **Amanda High** – Class of 2005 – 8TH Grade Reading Teacher
- **Diana Magliocchetti Hofmanner** – Class of 1988 – First Grade Teacher Franklin Elementary
- **Andrea Hunsberger** – Class of 1980 – Intervention Specialist
- **Michaela Johnson** – Class of 1999 – Health Occupations Instructor
- **Kerry Landis Kline** – Class of 1975 – Intervention Assistant
- **Heather Downie Kurtz** – Class of 1983 – 2nd Grade Teacher Lincoln Elementary
- **Kristin Hoffmaster Lafferty** – Class of 2000 – First Grade Teacher
- **Ian Lawrence** – Class of 2006 – 7th Grade Language Arts Teacher
- **Danielle McCoy** – Class of 1982 – Director of Career and Technical Education
- **LeeAnn McCullough** – Class of 1989 – High School Special Education Teacher
- **Tom Medvetz** – Class of 1989 – Elementary Health and Physical Education Teacher
- **Matthew Moyer** – Class of 1992 – Principal Rupert Elementary
- **Timothy I. Mutter** – Class of 1968 – High School Student Proctor
- **Vicki Price Mutter** – Class of 1975 – Pottstown Middle School Paraeducator
- **Diane Nash** – Class of 1973 – Superintendent's Secretary
- **Jaime Parris** – Class of 2008 – Long-Term Substitute
- **Andrea Plavcan** – Class of 1972 – Retired Secretary to the Superintendent
- **Hayley Mutter Quigley** – Class of 2001 – Speech and Language Pathologist
- **Ryan Regensburg** – Class of 2001 – Department Head and Middle School Health/Physical Education Teacher
- **Valerie Pace Reifsneider** – Class of 1979 – Assistant to Director of Technology



- **Dina Rice** – Class of 1989 –Speech and Language Therapist
- **Lori Grubb Schirk** – Class of 1981 – Middle School Secretary
- **Kaylee Shumaker** – Class of 2009 – Intervention Assistant at Lincoln Elementary
- **Rhonda Levan Shumaker** – Class of 1982 – Franklin Elementary Secretary
- **Andrea Poremba Skokowski** – Class of 1978 – Lincoln Elementary Secretary
- **Leslie Falicki Swartz** – Class of 1989 – 2nd Grade Teacher Lincoln Elementary
- **Bonnie Kerr Trainer** – Class of 1972 – 5th Grade Teacher Pottstown Middle School
- **Wendy Watters** – Class of 1985 – One-on-One Classroom Assistant
- **Dr. LaTanya White** – Class of 1999 – Supervisor of Virtual and Alternative Learning
- **Lisa Whitehurst** – Class of 1984 – Spanish Teacher



Welcome New Employees and Staff Perfect Attendance

Click on the link below to view new employees to the district and staff who attained perfect attendance for 2013-2014:

<http://pottstownschoools.com/pottstown/In%20the%20Spotlight/Perfect%20Attendance%20and%20New%20Staff.pdf?1409935430>

THANK YOU TO OUR FRIENDS

Thank you to Patient First Urgent Care Center for a \$1,000.00 donation which will be used to purchase adaptive physical education equipment at Barth Elementary School.

Thank you to the Tail Waggin' Tutors Program for providing four canine buddies to read with fifth and sixth grade students.



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.

- **Julia S. (Sacher) Bartman** - Class of 1933 - was the widow of Richard L. Bartman. Born in Vel'Ky` Slavkov, Slovakia, she was the daughter of the late Julia Sacher. Julia worked as a bookkeeper for Meadowbrook Diaries for 15 years, Pottstown Paper Box Co., and the former First Federal Savings & Loan. She was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, where her husband Richard and she were married on May 30, 1940. She was in the Sister's Gladys Circle, and treasurer of the Mite Society at church. Julia volunteered at Pottstown Memorial Medical Center Medical Records and the American Red Cross.
- **John Mark Brown** - Class of 1966 - He was the husband of Joanie Brown. He was the son of the late John Howard Minick and Helen Steffy Minick Frymoyer. Born in Pottstown, PA, he was valedictorian of his 1966 graduating class at Pottstown High School. Prior to college, John was adopted by his 10th grade biology teacher, Thomas A. Brown. An academic, he received a scholarship to Cornell University and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology. He then graduated from the Institute of Biblical Studies. A strong Christian, he was a member of Tri County Bible Church, one of the original founders and first president of Westmont Christian Academy and part time radio broadcaster at a local Christian Radio station in the Delaware Valley - WCHR 94.5 FM. He volunteered his time and led spiritual services both at Parkhouse Providence Pointe and Manor Care.
- **Joan Marie (Daniels) Monroe** - Class of 1957 - She was the wife of the late Thomas Monroe, who died in 1998, with whom she shared 35 years of marriage. Born in Pottstown, Pa., she was a daughter of the late Elwood Daniels and Anna (Artim) Daniels. In early years, she worked as a secretary for Neapco in Pottstown. She then worked as a clerk for the District Justice Office in Pottstown, until her retirement. She was an active member, secretary/treasurer of the Grace Bible Believer's Fellowship Church, Pottstown. Joan enjoyed reading, word games, puzzles and spending time with her family.
- **Kenneth D. Mace** - Class of 1978 - He was the husband of Bonnie Ann (Wanish) Mace, with whom he shared 15 years of marriage. Born in Pottstown, Pa., he was a son of Emma (Mest) Mace of Pottstown and the late George K. "Bud" Mace, Jr. He was an assembler for MacKissic, Inc., Parker Ford, Pa. for 10 years. He also worked as a courtesy clerk for Giant Foods, North Coventry, Pa. since 2009. A car racing fan, he enjoyed watching drag racing at Englishtown, N.J. and Maple Grove Raceway and NASCAR.
- **Byrle R. "Porky" Shirey** - Class of 1955 - He was the husband of the late Theresa (Weiss) Shirey, who died in 2010, with whom he shared 50 years of marriage. Born in Pottstown, Pa., "Porky" was the son of the late Byrle and Arita Hannah (Himes) Shirey. Mr. Shirey was self-employed for many years in construction. He loved his family very much, enjoyed hunting and fishing.

- **Mercy Petrick Anthony** – Class of 1939 - Born in Pottstown, PA, she was a daughter of the late William L. Hampton and the late Ruth Margurite (Hartenstine) Hampton. Ms. Anthony was a graduate of the Pottstown Business School. She was first employed as an office clerk at Doehler Jarvis, and later with the classified advertising department of the Pottstown Mercury, retiring at age 65. A lifelong member of Transfiguration Lutheran Church, she was active with the Alter Guild and Church Council. She was a former Brownie Scout Leader, loved to play Pinochle, and was in a bowling league at Jay Lanes. She was a member of the Senior Circle of the Pottstown Medical Center and active with the Pottstown AARP.
- **Willard M. Bickel** - Class of 1941 - Born in Pottstown, he was the son of the late Clinton G. and Bertha B. Bickel. He graduated from both the Wharton School at the Univ. of Pa. in 1955 and Stonier Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers Univ. in 1959. He was a WWII US Army Veteran who obtained the rank of Master Sergeant and fought at the Battle of the Bulge. Willard worked for Citizen National Bank in Pottstown, Phila. National Bank, as Montgomery Co. Controller and at the Pottstown Medical Center. He also volunteered with a variety of community organizations.
- **Michael Stanford Brant** - Class of 1986 - He was the son of Jamey Brant and Elijah Jones Sr. Michael graduated from Pottstown High School, where he was an outstanding football star. He served in the US Air force and was a member of the American Legion of Pottstown.
- **Kenneth H. Garner** - Class of 1944 - He was the loving husband of Esther (Renninger) Garner, to whom he was married for over 61 years. A son of the late Lawrence O. and Ada (Evans) Garner, Ken was a lifelong resident of Pottstown. After high school, Ken served in the US Army during WWII. He later worked for the Doehler-Jarvis Company, Firestone and Occidental Chemical. He was a member of the Elks Lodge 814, and Union Masonic Lodge 479 in Birdsboro. A true do-it-yourselfer, Ken enjoyed various woodworking projects and fixing things.
- **Jean R. (Radcliffe) Norton** - Class of 1942 – Jean was the widow of William F. Norton. Born in Hellertown, PA, she was a daughter of the late Paul and Beatrice (Shopf) Radcliffe. She was employed by the late Dr. Sarni as a part-time bookkeeper.
- **Edward C. Trafford** - Class of 1970 - A 1980 graduate of Penn State University, Ed earned his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and then obtained his American Institute of Certified Public Accountants license in 1983. Early in his career he worked for the Marriott Corporation in Washington, D.C. He then worked in public accounting for several years, opening his own firm in Manheim in 1987. Ed was a founding member of the Manheim Touchdown Club, served as treasurer for the Manheim Central Track & Field booster club, past president of the Manheim Chamber of Commerce, served as a member of the Manheim Borough zoning board, was a member of the Sertoma Club and in his early years, volunteered as a youth baseball umpire.
- **Gloria F. Overholtzer** - Class of 1939 - Born in Kenilworth, PA she was the daughter of the late Horace V. and Alma May (Harner) Evans. Gloria was Vice-President and Treasurer of the former Overholtzer's Radio and TV Store, Pottstown, which she co-owned with her husband and was the office manager for 40 years. She was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Pottstown where she was a Sunday School teacher, and a member of the LCW. Gloria was also a volunteer with the local Red Cross, former president of the Pottsgrove PTA, a library aide at Upper Pottsgrove Elementary and active with the Overholtzer family reunion.

Gloria enjoyed traveling, cooking for her extended family, doing jigsaw puzzles, crossword puzzles and in her later years, playing card games with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

- **Phyllis (Knaster) Fegley** - Class of 1947 - Born in Pottstown on December 15, 1929 and raised in Pottstown, she was the daughter of the late Alex and Mary (Kirlin) Knaster. Phyllis worked at the AAA in Pottstown prior to marrying M. Bruce Fegley in December 1949. Together they lived at Moyer Road, Pottstown for 50 years, where they raised their family until moving to Boyertown in 2005. Phyllis worked for Dr. James Guthrie, Pottstown and later did the bookkeeping for Bruce Fegley's Exxon Service Center at High & Adams Street, Pottstown. She was a member of St. John's UCC, Price St., in Pottstown, where she was a Sunday school teacher for many years.
- **Richard "Dick" Powell** - Class of 1952 - Dick was a retired educator from Norristown and Spring-Ford High Schools. Born in Pottstown, he was the son of the late Frank and Mary (Yednock) Powell. His life embodied a line from his favorite poem "The Road Not Taken" by Robert Frost, "...two roads diverged in a wood, and I, I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference." These roads took him from South Charlotte Street to Kutztown State Teacher's College, the United States Army, high school history teacher, business investments and adventures in Wildwood, New Jersey and Key West, Florida and to world travel. An exceptional athlete, Richard excelled in tennis, basketball, baseball and football in high school and at Kutztown. He is an inductee of the Pottstown Sports Hall of Fame. He may have been best known as a competitive tennis player and coach and even late in his life, he would still look for a match on local courts in Pottstown, Wildwood and in Key West. Richard taught history and coached tennis, football, basketball and cross country at various times at Norristown High School (1960-1966) and then at Spring-Ford High School (1966-1991). He made over 120 short historical documentaries called, "The Road Least Traveled," that aired for 11 years on PCTV.
- **Sylvia G. (Shaner) Gorritz** - Class of 1943 - She was the daughter of the late George F. and Ethel (Gerhardt) Shaner. Sylvia was a 1949 graduate of Drexel University with a Bachelor of Science and a Masters degree in Retailing. Sylvia was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Pottstown. She enjoyed traveling and playing tennis. Sylvia also donated her time for many years as a tour guide at Pottsgrove Manor in Pottstown. She was the office administrator at Ralph E. Shaner & Son Engineering Co. of Pottstown and part owner until her retirement in 2001.
- **M. "Sandy" (McAndrew) Krasley** - Class of 1955 – She was the wife of Eugene P. Krasley. Born in Pittston, PA, she was a daughter of the late James M. and Mary (Jordan) McAndrew. She worked years ago for the Bell Telephone Company in Royersford. She was a former member of the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in Royersford. Currently, she was a member of the Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Roman Catholic Church in Limerick, PA. The Krasleys just celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary on June 4th. She was a truly devoted wife, mother and nanny. She treasured the time she could spend with her family.
- **Joyce M. (Hunsberger) Eschbach** - Class of 1942 – Joyce was the widow of Edward H. Eschbach. She was a daughter of the late Russell Hunsberger and the late Cora (Evans) Hunsberger. Joyce was a homemaker, and former employee of the former Jones Motor Company. Joyce was a member of St. Paul's Church, Stowe.

- **June A. (Mauger) Kummerer** - Class of 1951 - She was the widow of Robert S. Kummerer. Born in Pottstown, she was a daughter of the late John K. Mauger and the late Helen E. (Beltz) Mauger. Mrs. Kummerer was employed for many years at Hickory Farms & Pat's Candy in the Coventry Mall. She was a member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Boyertown.
- **Ramona M. (Deery) Boettger** - Class of 1955 - She was a daughter of the late George K. and Loretta G. (Mutter) Deery. Mrs. Boettger worked as a nurse's aide for the former Pennhurst Center in Spring City and the Embreeville Center in Coatesville for many years.
- **Virginia M. (Deloplaine) Kerr** - Class of 1942 - She was the wife of the late Samuel "Tommy" Kerr who died in 1973. Born in Pottstown, PA, she was a daughter of the late Oscar C. Deloplaine and Marguerite (Shirey) Deloplaine. She enjoyed gardening and taking daily walks around the North End of Pottstown. She was a lifelong member of St. James Lutheran Church, Pottstown.
- **Sarah B. Nace** - Class of 1939 - She was a graduate of Temple School of Business and was employed by Stanley G. Flagg Co., Stowe. Sarah was the daughter of the late Sallie Spacht. She was the wife of the late Clement Earl Nace. She was a 50 year member of the Eastern Star and a longtime member of the Pottstown Elks 814, Doe Club.
- **Suzanna L. (Jordan) Rauscher** - Class of 1963 - She was the wife of Robert K. Rauscher. Born in Schwenksville, PA, she was a daughter of the late Arthur L. Jordan, Sr. and Dorothea V. (Allen) Jordan. She graduated Cum Laude from Louisiana State University. Suzanna worked various administrative positions in the Pottstown, PA area and in Baton Rouge, LA. She worked as a substitute teacher in various Texas and Pennsylvania schools. Most recently, she worked as a fourth grade teacher at The Wyndcroft School in Pottstown, before retiring in 2013. She was a member of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oley, PA. Suzanna was an active member of the Brookside Knits, a knitting club of Brookside Country Club, and a member of the Mahanatawny Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.
- **Mildred Ruth "Millie" (Thomas) Leh** - Class of 1932 - She was the wife of the late R. Elwood "Woody" Leh, with whom she shared 71 years of marriage. Born in Cressona, Schuylkill County, PA, she was a daughter of the late Harold Thomas and Ruth (Green) Thomas. She was a homemaker and enjoyed sewing, baking, reading, playing the piano and swimming. She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church, Pottstown, a former member of the Women's Club of Pottstown, the Doe Club, and the North End Swimming Club. In earlier years, she worked as a secretary for the former Century Corporation, Pottstown, PA.
- **Deacon Edward "Juke" Brown Jr.** - Class of 1944 – Ed was the husband of the late Dorothy Ann (Hale) Brown. He was the son of the late Edward P. and Minnie P. (Williams) Brown Sr. Ed was a WWII Navy veteran where he served aboard the USS YMS 138 in the Pacific Theater. Juke was a dedicated worker for the Lord. He served as church clerk, was on the board of trustees and on the building committee. Edward was also a member of the church choirs and the pulpit committee. He was an avid Pottstown Trojan sports fan and was named to the 2007 Tri-County Sports Hall of Fame.



- **Arthur J. Pyron** - Class of 1972 – Arthur was the son of the late Winford A. Pyron and the late Mary I. (Novak) Pyron. A professional geologist, Arthur consulted with Fortune 500 companies, small businesses, municipalities, and private individuals, providing his expertise in oil and gas exploration and production, geological evaluation, and environmental applications. Arthur sat on the advisory board of two energy companies, including Mesa Energy Holdings, Inc. (now Armada Oil, Inc.). He was a graduate of LaSalle University with a Bachelor of Science degree, and received his Master of Science in geology from the University of Texas - El Paso. In addition to publishing more than fifty technical papers, Arthur pioneered the concept of applying "virtual exploration" to the oil and gas industry, through the use of computer applications. Arthur was an Earth Science professor/instructor at Delaware County Community College. He had a life-long love of music, especially Americana, and of playing the guitar. He was a devoted member of St. Gabriel's Church in Stowe.

- **Nancy C. (Kurtz) Livingston** - Class of 1941 - She was the wife of the late John L. Livingston. Born June 1, 1923 in Fruitville, she was a daughter of the late George and Marie (Conrad) Kurtz. She was the eldest of six children. After graduation from Pottstown High School, she worked as a waitress at Jacobs Aircraft in Pottstown where she met her future husband, John. Shortly after their marriage in 1943 they moved to York. Before starting a family, she worked as a waitress at the Colonial Hotel on the square in York. She was a long time member of Otterbein United Methodist Church in York, and wonderful homemaker, loved to cook and bake, and also enjoyed making crafts and sewing.

- **Bertha E. Gibbs Simms** - Class of 1941 – She was the widow of Eugene C. Simms Sr. Born in Cheyney, PA she was the daughter of the late Richard E. and Bessie C. Duckery Gibbs. She was employed at the Pottstown Memorial Medical Center, first in housekeeping, later in the Physical Therapy Dept. as an aide, retiring November 19, 1982 after 21 years of service at the hospital. Bert was a member of Second Baptist Church and a member of the order of the Eastern Star #87 and the Mary Esther Temple 917.

- **Alvin J. Hinkel** - Class of 1948 – He was the husband of Elnora (Solomon) Hinkel. Alvin was born in Pottstown, PA on September 17, 1930. He was the son of the late Joseph and Hazel (Arbaugh) Hinkel. Alvin entered the Air Force, where he learned his trade of being an aviation mechanic. He retired from Northwest Airlines in WA, after over 40 years of service. Alvin loved to travel, ski and he enjoyed photography, especially of any kind of train. He was an active member of the Inland Empire National Railroad Society.

- **Corrine E. (Miller) Bechtel Fry** - Class of 1940 - She was the wife of the late H. Bruce Bechtel with whom she shared 39 years of marriage. After which, she shared 20 years of marriage with the late Donald A. Fry. She was a daughter of the late Frank and Elizabeth (Hoffecker) Miller. She worked in retail sales and customer service. She held positions at Canning's Drugstore, Town Toy, and Sears. Along with her late husband, Bruce Bechtel, she owned and operated "Bruce's Pet Shop" for 12 years until 1966. She was a former member of Rebecca Lodge IOOF, a Soroptomist, and a lifetime member of Zion's United Church of Christ. Corrine dearly loved her family, and especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren. Her hobbies included knitting and crossword puzzles.

- **Larry R. Shunk** - Class of 1966 – He was the son of Mary Jane Gehris Shunk of Pottstown and the late Robert J. Shunk. He attended Berkley College of Music, Boston. He served in the US Navy during the Vietnam Era. Larry began his music career in the Navy Band on the USS Springfield. Over the years, he has played with many bands and musicians including: Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, Glenn Miller Estate Band, Woody Herman and the Thundering Herd. He played at the casinos with Patti LaBelle Johnny Mathis and others. Larry was currently playing with The Ed Vezinho/Jim Ward Big Band. In addition to his music, Larry enjoyed working on his cars. For the last 26 years Larry was employed by Sears.
- **Howard C. "Boots" Wertz** - Class of 1936 – He was the husband of Joyce E. (Peters Slonaker) Wertz, with whom he shared over 22 years of marriage. He was also the son of the late Harry and Mary (Buckwalter) Wertz. Boots grew up in Pottstown, and later served in the US Navy during WWII. He worked as a foreman at the former Bethlehem Steel Company for over 40 years. Boots was a member of the Masonic Strichter Lodge 254 of Pottstown. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing and gardening.



FALLEN TROJANS STAFF MEMBERS



- **Shirley Kitner-Mainello** - Shirley taught in the Carlisle and Pottstown School Districts as a teacher and reading coordinator in the 1960-1990s. After retirement she continued to assist many students through her tutoring and mentoring. Shirley remained an active community member throughout her life. She played a leadership role in many organizations including AAUW, Daughters of the American Revolution, Sweet Adeline's singing group, and the Genealogical Society. Shirley volunteered regularly at Reading Goggle Works and participated in a writers group. Shirley published six books that reflected on her love of dogs, her ancestors' journey to America, and her life as a teacher in the 1960s.
- **Anne M. "Nancy" (Springer) Groff**, of Pottstown, wife of the late Robert E. Groff. Born in Riverside, NJ, she was the daughter of the late Charles A. and Mary (Whitty) Springer. Anne was a member of St. Aloysius RC Church and a member of their Senior Citizens group. She worked for the Pottstown School District as a clerk for 25 and a half years, retiring in 1986. She later worked with Golden Sage Volunteer program at Barth Elementary School.
- **William A. Hauptly**, 86, was the husband of Dorothy (Reber) Hauptly, whom he married almost 65 years ago on May 21, 1949. Born March 22, 1928 in Pottsville, he was a son of the late Alfred M. and Kathryn R. (Klitsch) Hauptly. He was a graduate of Pottsville High School. William worked in the Anthracite coal mines and then in mechanical maintenance for several companies including: Grace Mine, Bethlehem Steel, and the Pottstown School District where he was Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds. He was a member of St. Benedict's R.C. Church, Mohnton, where he served as usher for several years. William was very involved in Boy Scouts of America. He proudly served as a webelo and scout leader for many years, and took his troops on trips all over the country and Canada. Together with his son's troop they built a cabin that still stands on his property today.

- **Mary Lee (Eagle) Harp**, 91, was the widow of Raymond G. Harp Sr. Born in Stowe, PA, she was a daughter of the late Reuben and Mary Elizabeth (Maute) Eagle. Mrs. Harp was employed as the manager of the Pottstown School District Cafeteria until retiring in 1988. She later worked in the clerical department for the Pottstown VNA. She was a member of St. Peters Lutheran Church, Pottstown, where she was a former treasurer with the Lutheran Church Women. Mrs. Harp was a member of Schuylkill Chapter 338 Order of Eastern Star.

- **Shirley J. Schultz**, wife of Ralph Ernie Schultz, was born in Pottstown. She was a daughter of Marie (Jacquot) Hildebrand, Pottstown, and the late Harry Hildebrand. After high school, Mrs. Schultz was employed by The Mercury and Weitzenkorns of Pottstown, before becoming a proctor for the Pottstown School District for 32 years. Following retirement, she volunteered at Barth Elementary for the K-4 program. She was a member of St. Peters Lutheran Church, Pottstown, and was a volunteer for the church.



- **Anne "Nancy" Jones**, Former Pottstown Mayor Anne "Nancy" Jones, wife of Joseph J.



Jones. Born May 5, 1933, to Leonard and Mary (Kelly) Macdonald, Anne Jones was a lifelong resident of Pottstown. She devoted much of her life to community service. She dedicated many years to Pottstown public schools as a PTA member and president, as a volunteer for the Green Circle Program in the 1960s, as an elected member of the Pottstown School Board for 20 years, and as president of that body. In recent years, she and her husband donned costumes and appeared in Pottstown schools as Mr. and Mrs. John Potts. In 1993, Anne Jones was elected the first female mayor of Pottstown. She served 12 years in that capacity and earned the nickname "Pottstown's Cheerleader" for her work to promote the borough at every opportunity. She performed countless marriages during her terms as mayor and returned all of the money she received to the community in donations

to The Carousel at Pottstown and other local non-profits. She purchased the Trojan horse created for the carousel as a tribute to her love of the community. She worked to improve environmental quality and was instrumental in achieving the ultimate closure of the Pottstown Landfill. Throughout her life, Anne Jones was recognized for her contributions to the community. She was named to the Pottstown Alumni Honor Roll, earned Lifetime Membership in the PTA, was the Jayceettes' Woman of the Year, and has a room in the Pottstown School District Administration Building named in her honor. She was a past president of the Junior Service League, a former board member for the YWCA, past member of Pottstown's Human Relations Commission, and served on many other committees and boards.

- **William L. Bertoti** – Class of 1969 - was the husband of Dolores B. (Brough) Bertoti. Born in Pottstown, he was a son of the late William and Elizabeth (Beres) Bertoti. Will was a 1969 graduate of Pottstown High School and received his teacher's certificate from Temple University. Will was an Auto Shop Teacher for Pottstown Senior High School for 20 years. Prior to that, he was the service manager for Dan Phelps Buick/GMC. He was a United States [Army](#) veteran of the [Vietnam War](#) and was an active member of St. Catharine of Siena R.C.C. where he completed their RCIA program in 1996 and was the originator of St. Catharine's Garden Ministry. He was also a member of the Performance, Inc. Car Club of Pottstown and a member of the Lower Alsace Pool Team. Contributions may be made to the Willy Bertoti Memorial Scholarship Fund C/O Santander Bank 1565 E. High Street Pottstown, PA 19464 or to Dolores's address, 112 Misty Lane Reading, PA 19606. This scholarship fund will be used for Pottstown High School students to go to secondary automotive service schools.

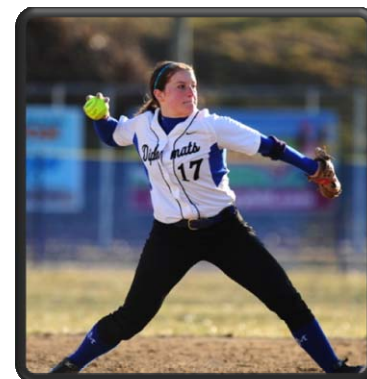


- **Dennis L. Wausnock** - Class of 1954 – Dennis was the fiance of Shirley Morey and the son of the late George H. and Margaret E. (McKinney) Wausnock. He attended Villanova University where he majored in economics. Dennis had worked as a data processor for Berman Trucking Co. of Pottstown. He later worked as a computer operations manager for American Olean Tile Co. of Lansdale, PA for 22 years until his retirement in 1991. Dennis was a [U.S. Air Force](#) veteran of the [Korean War](#). He was a member of St. Aloysius R.C.C., 223 Beech Street, Pottstown, PA. He was an avid Eagles and Villanova University fan and had a great love of animals. Dennis started a town watch in the 3rd ward in the early 1980s. He was elected to Borough Council in 1990, defeating an incumbent, Charlie Barr. He was Council president in 1996 and 1997 and became vice president when George Stevens was elected president in 1998. He remained vice president under Jack Wolf through 2005. Dennis served many years on the Parks and Recreation Commission and helped prepare Pottstown's 1996 Open Space Plan which suggested a downtown park next to what is now Borough Hall. He was a member of Council during its successful 1992 campaign to persuade Montgomery County Commissioners to locate the west campus of the community college in Pottstown. The west campus opened in 1996. In 1994, Pottstown Council approved the Pottstown Center shopping where Wal-Mart is located. Dennis was a member of Pottstown Council when Riverfront Park opened in 1992, when Keystone Boulevard was completed in 2003, and when Riverfront Park was connected to the Schuylkill River Greenway extending to Douglassville in 2006. He was a member of Council when county grant money enabled Pottstown to purchase the former PECO maintenance building on College Drive, which subsequently became the Schuylkill River Greenway Association headquarters, which moved to Pottstown from Wyomissing in 2001. Later Pottstown gave the building to the Montgomery County Community College, where it now serves as its environmental education center as well as the Schuylkill River Heritage Center. Dennis also voted in 1998 to build a new borough hall on High Street after the land was donated to the borough by Preservation Pottstown. The new borough hall opened in 2000 and the town park, Smith Family Plaza, was completed in 2002. Dennis was one of five "neighborhood schools team" candidates for school board which won both tickets in the May 2007 primary with 82 percent of the vote. Dennis got more votes than anyone else. He was re-elected in 2011. He was part of an 8-1 majority in February 2012 voting to close Edgewood School, move the fifth grade to the middle school, and renovate the remaining four elementary schools. He was elected vice president of the board last December.

ALUMNI

- ◆ John Neiffer, Class of 1991, is a graduate of the University of Nebraska with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology. He also holds a master of arts degree in industrial and organizational psychology from North Central University. As a member of the United States Air Force, John has graduated from the Community College of the Air Force with several degrees in the area of human resources. While in the Air Force, John has been an office administrator, instructor, and has attained the rank of First Sgt. He is presently an adjunct instructor at Central Texas College.
- ◆ Joe Anderson, Class of 2003, is a member of the United States Army. He was awarded the Purple Heart and the Commendation Medal with Valor for action during his tour of duty in Afghanistan.
- ◆ Devon Yocom, Class of 2009, has earned an associate degree in business administration from Montgomery County Community College and is presently pursuing a bachelor's degree in marketing at West Chester University.

- ◆ Malorie Sassaman, Class of 2010, is a senior at Franklin and Marshall College and a member of the women's softball team. She was named to the National Fast Pitch Coaches Association East Region Second Team for the short-stop position. Sassaman led the Centennial Conference with a batting average of .455 which ranks as the 5th best in school history. She broke the school record with 57 hits and led the team in runs scored with 24. In addition, Sassaman was named Conference Player of the Year and earned First Team All-Conference Honors for the third time in a row.



- ◆ Amanda Krok, Class of 2010, is attending Shippensburg University and is one of the leading scorers on the women's lacrosse team.

- ◆ Kasey Mock, Class of 2010, is a senior at Syracuse University and is a member of the women's lacrosse team. She was recently named to the Tewaaron Award Watch List. The Tewaaron Award is annually presented to the outstanding female lacrosse player in the nation. Syracuse is presently ranked 3rd in the nation and Mock leads her team in many defensive statistical areas. Kasey was also named Second Team All-American by the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association. She is a member of the defense which has allowed only 8.6 goals per game. Mock leads the team in caused-turnovers with 29 and is second in ground balls with 38. Both totals are career highs for Kasey. She has helped the Syracuse defense hold their opponents to less than 10 goals in 12 games and will be participating in the Final 4 of the National Championships for the third consecutive year.



- ◆ Janelle Whitehurst, Class of 2011, is a student at the University of Richmond. This year she had an opportunity to be part of the Multicultural Student Exchange Program and spent a semester studying business administration at Maastricht University School of Business and Economics, The Netherlands
- ◆ Richie Masciarelli, Class of 2013, is a pitcher on the Elizabethtown College men's baseball team and helped lead his team to a mid-season 500 record.
- ◆ Joshua Metzger, Class of 2013, was named to the dean's list at Pennsylvania College of Technology where he is majoring in civil engineering.

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