

POTTSTOWN PRIDE

ACADEMICS AND ACTIVITIES
PARTNERS FOR EDUCATIONAL
EXCELLENCE



SPRING-SUMMER 2016

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



POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

POINTS OF PRIDE

SPRING-SUMMER 2016



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

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

For more information about Pottstown School District, visit our website at www.PottstownSchools.org 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.

BASEBALL

Logan and Mason Pennypacker were selected to represent the Pioneer Athletic Conference at the 14th Annual Baseballtown Senior All-Star Game between the Berks County All-Stars and the Pioneer Athletic Conference.

Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference First Team

- Logan Pennypacker
- Mason Pennypacker

Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference Honorable Mention Team

- Ron Fausnaught

Name to The Mercury All Area Honorable Mention Team

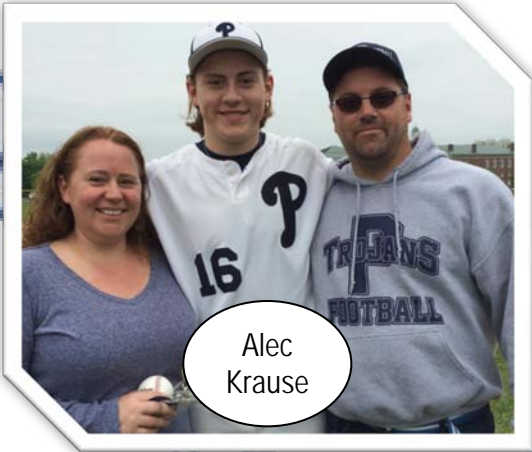
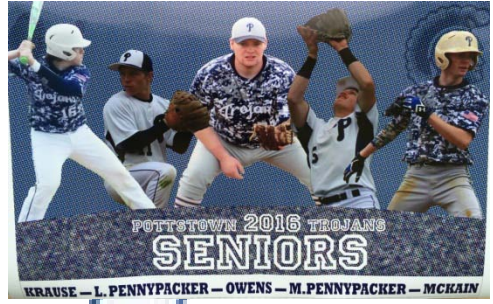
- Logan Pennypacker
- Mason Pennypacker

The 1972 Ches-Mont Championship Baseball Team returned home to support this year’s team at a game against Oley Valley. The ’72 Trojans, who had a 14-1 season, hosted a post-game cookout lunch for both teams.

It was an outstanding event and an opportunity for both young and old Trojans to share their pride.



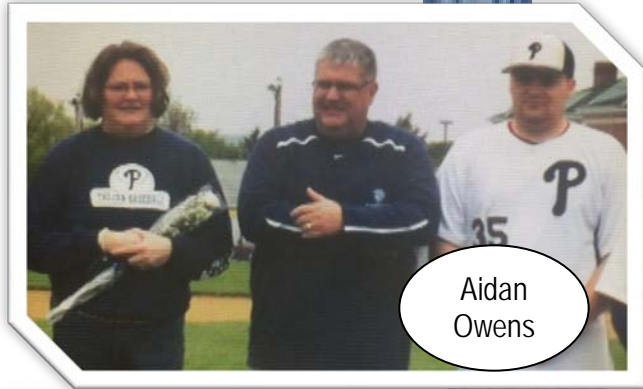
Baseball Senior Photos:



Alec Krause



Chase McKain



Aidan Owens



Logan Pennypacker

Mason Pennypacker



SOFTBALL

Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference First Team

- Gianna Epps - Utility

Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference Honorable Mention Team

- Yireh Byas - Outfield

Named to The Mercury All Area Second Team

- Gianna Epps

Named to The Mercury All Area Honorable Mention Team

- Yireh Byas

Gianna Epps was named to the First Team AAA Pennsylvania High School Softball Association

Senior Night Photos:



GIRLS' LACROSSE

Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference First Team

- Ebony Reddick

Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference Honorable Mention Team

- Reilly Owens

Named to The Mercury All Area Second Team

- Ebony Reddick

Named to The Mercury All Area Honorable Mention Team

- Reilly Owens
- MarDaije Pearson

Senior Night Photos:



BOYS' TRACK

Lower Merion Invitational Results:

- Justin Beasley-Turner – 3rd Place – 200 Meter Dash
- London Gregory – High Jump of 6'2" - Qualified for the Districts
- Alex Caballero – 4th Place – Pole Vault
- Jacob Howard – 3rd Place – Triple Jump
- Martin Metzger – 5th Place – 300 Hurdles

London Gregory placed 4th in the District I High Jump with a jump of 6 feet, 2 inches and qualified to participate in the PIAA State Track and Field Championships.

Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference Second Team

- London Gregory – High Jump

Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference Honorable Mention Team

- Kameron Penn – Long Jump and 4x1 Relay
- Alex Caballero – Pole Vault
- Eugene Nelson – Triple Jump and 4x1 Relay
- Brandon Tinson – 4x1 Relay
- Aaron Diamond – 4x1 Relay

Named to The Mercury All Area First Team

- London Gregory

Named to The Mercury All Area Second Team

- Brandon Tinson
- Justin Beasley-Turner
- Kameron Penn

Named to The Mercury All Area Honorable Mention Team

- Alex Caballero
- Eugene Nelson
- Brian Perez
- Jacob Howard

GIRLS' TRACK

Lower Merion Invitational Results:

- Mya Pope – 2nd Place – High Jump
- Julia Day – 7th Place – Shot Put

Named to The Mercury All Area Honorable Mention Team

- Mya Pope

Senior Night Photos:

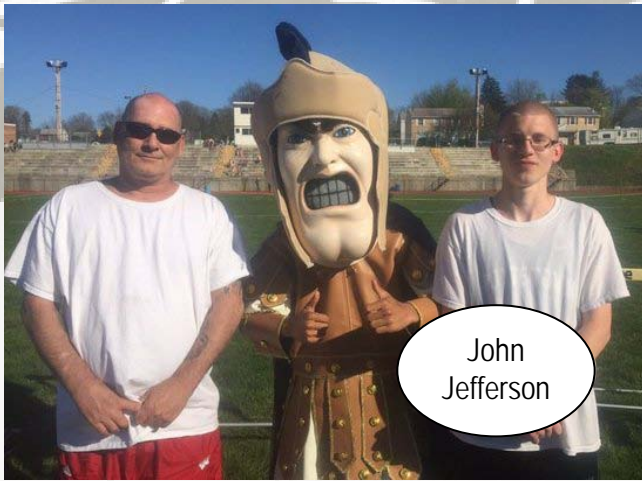


Corey Hall



Josh Beasley-Turner

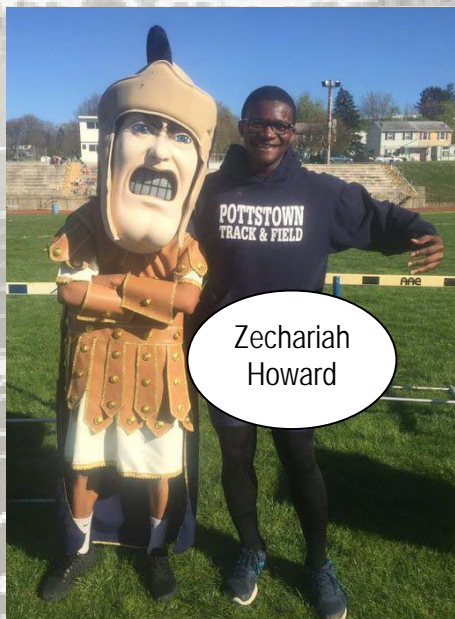
Justin Beasley-Turner



John Jefferson



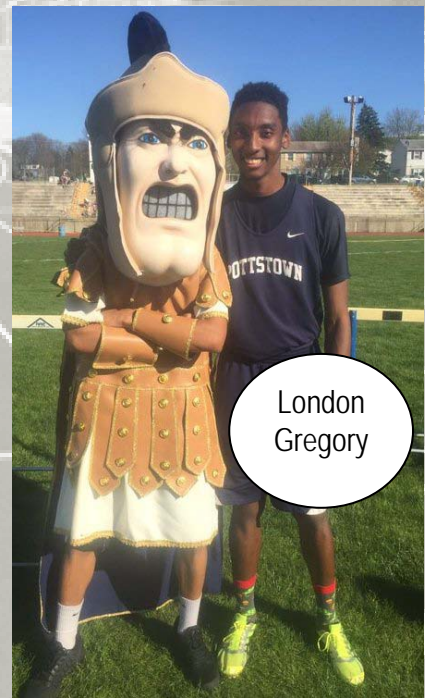
Shane Dugan



Zechariah Howard



Trojan Man and London Gregory



London Gregory



JAZZ BAND COMPETITION

Congratulations to the Pottstown High School Jazz Band, under the direction of Mr. Michael Vought, for receiving a rating of “Outstanding” at the 45th annual Sound Spectacular Jazz Event held at Daniel Boone High School. Chloe Francis received an “Honorable Mention” award for trumpet soloist. Click here for Mr. Evan Brandt and his Mercury Digital Notebook Blog to bring us the sights and sounds of the event - <http://evan-brandt.blogspot.com/2016/03/an-outstanding-way-to-spend-evening.html>

Congratulations to the Pottstown Music Department for being awarded the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) – Best Communities for Music Education Award. The award acknowledges schools and districts across the United States for their commitment to and support of music education. Schools are selected based on music programs/courses offered to students of the district. Pottstown was chosen because of the extensive offerings in the music department that include band, choir, general music, and a variety of other music related courses. See link: <http://www.pottsmmerc.com/general-news/20160527/pottstown-schools-music-program-wins-national-recognition>



The halls of the State Capitol building in Harrisburg were alive with the sounds of music thanks to Woodwind and Brass Ensembles from both the Middle and High School under the direction of Ms. Nancy Mest and Mr. Ben Hayes. The performance was part of the "Music In Our Schools Month" lunch time concert series. The students enjoyed lunch at Strawberry Square followed by their performances and a tour of the Capitol Building. Our Music Department is another reason to say Proud to be from Pottstown.

<http://evan-brandt.blogspot.com/2016/03/a-capitol-showing-by-pottstown-school.html>



<u>PHS Members</u>		<u>PMS Members</u>	
Maxine Bacon	Alivia Lopez	Sebastian Buchannan	Robert Raegler
Jada Burton	Alondra Magana	Jacob Eagle	Aylssa Rulli
Johnay Cranford	Casey Mest	Zoe Earle	Anthony Russo
Emily Greiss	Aubrey Miller	Chloe Hebert	Isabel Sharp
Jen Hainsey	Reilly Owens	David Hicks	John Stillwell
Claudia La	Emma Pargeon	Allison Horne	Michele Villagomez
Emilie Lineman	Taylor Sundstrom	Molly Howard	Emilie Weber
Rachael Levengood	Abby Welder	Jaelyn Kennedy	Alexis White
Sara Levengood	Rashell Williams	Kirsten McCalicher	Destiny Williams
		Krista Mills	Hannah Wilson
		Abigail Parson	Harmony Wood

ACADEMIC RECOGNITIONS

Students Recognized by Daughters of the American Revolution

The Mahanatawny Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recognized Pottstown Middle School eighth grade student Taylor Smith for her award winning American History Month essay. The topic for this year's essay contest was "The Stamp Act." Pottstown High School senior Sabrina Butler received the "Good Citizenship Award" which is presented to a student who has distinguished themselves with outstanding service to community, school, home, and patriotic service. Sabrina is a member of the field hockey team, girls' lacrosse team, and had a starring role this year in the school district musical "The Wiz." She hopes to pursue a career in veterinary medicine.



PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE ALL ACADEMIC TEAM

- Baseball - Logan Pennypacker
- Lacrosse - Jayla Holloway
- Softball - Yireh Byas
- Boys' Tennis - Kenny Patel
- Boys' Track - Justin Stewart
- Girls' Track - Mya Pope

PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CITIZEN ATHLETE AWARD

- Justin Beasley-Turner

COLLEGE SIGNINGS



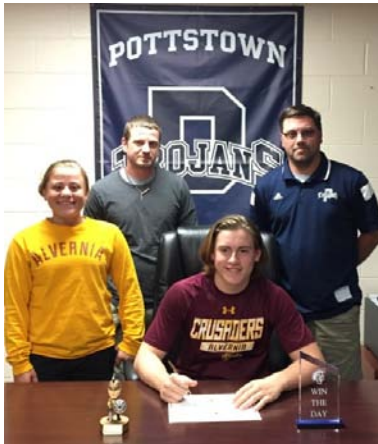
Justin Beasley-Turner
Moravian College
Track and Field



Sabrina Butler
Delaware Valley College
Lacrosse



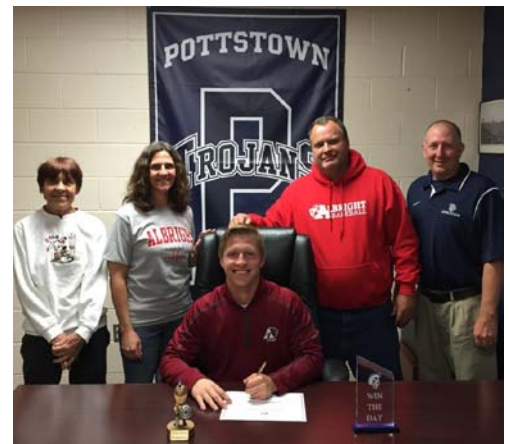
London Gregory
Duquesne University
Track and Field



Alec Krause
Alvernia University
Hockey



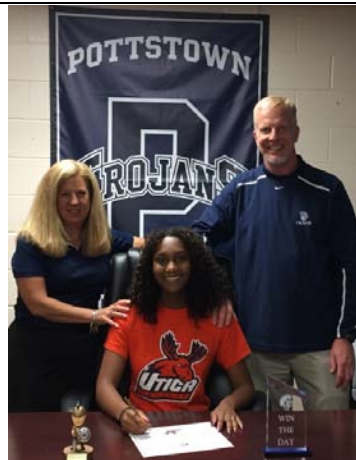
Chase McKain
Rosemont College
Soccer



Logan Pennypacker
Albright College
Baseball



Mason Pennypacker
Penn State Berks
Baseball



Mya Pope
Utica College
Track and Field



Brandon Tinson
Susquehanna University
Football

STAFF

Congratulations to Aaron Torrence for being featured in Sunday's Reading Eagle's "In Our Schools" section:



I grew up in: Allentown

I now live in: Emmaus

Family: Wife, Jacqui; son, Declan, 16; daughter, Raegan, 12; pug, Buggy.

Education: William Allen High School; West Chester University, bachelor's degree in elementary education; Kutztown University, master's in education.

How I spend my free time: Golfing, playing street hockey and biking. I enjoy coaching my daughter's softball team. I was out of work for a few months with a knee injury, and Netflix became my best friend. I binge watched "Walking Dead," "House of Cards" and "Breaking Bad." The last book I read was "Steve Jobs" by Walter Isaacson.

Teacher who inspired me: Miss Angie Tellis and Mrs. Jean Murphy were my two cooperating teachers when I was a student teacher at Franklin Elementary School in Pottstown. Miss Tellis was one of the most creative teachers I've ever met, and Mrs. Murphy was one of the most knowledgeable teachers. They are the reason that I am a teacher in Pottstown. I was able to work alongside both of them for the beginning of my career, and they always were there to assist me with what it meant to be an effective educator.

Funniest classroom moment: Many years ago, I taught ecosystems and the various parts of each ecosystem. One of the important parts of an ecosystem is the decomposers. I was able to show the class a time-lapse photography video of a fox decomposing. The majority of the class thoroughly enjoyed it and wanted it replayed over and over again. The next morning two girls brought me a present in a garbage bag and left it on my desk. I was excited to see what it was until one of them told me that they wanted to see decomposition up close and that was why they brought in a dead opossum. They wanted to place it on my window ledge and watch it decompose over the weeks.

If I weren't an educator, I'd be: Growing up I always wanted to be a writer for "Saturday Night Live." I also wanted to write/create humorous television commercials. I love watching the Super Bowl for the game as well as the commercials. There is nothing better than making people laugh, which is probably why I enjoy teaching as much as I do today.

You might not know: When I retire, I want to be the next Bill Nye the Science Guy (minus the bow tie) because he is the perfect combination of corny humor and knowledge to make learning enjoyable.

See more at: <http://www.readingeagle.com/news/article/tri-county-in-our-schools-aaron-torrence>

Congratulations to Kelli Wolfel for being featured in Sunday's Reading Eagle's "In Our Schools" section:

I grew up in: Pottstown, and still reside there.

Family: Husband, Shawn; children, Ty, 2015 Pottstown High School graduate; and Emme, an eighth-grader at Pottstown Middle School.

Education: St. Pius X High School; Millersville University, bachelor's degree; Penn State University, master's degree and principal certification.

How I spend my free time: My kids are very active! I spend a lot of my free time watching them participate in their activities. I also love to create handmade paper crafts, especially greeting cards!

Teacher who inspired me: I have been fortunate enough to have taught at Barth Elementary School for 24 years.

I have worked with some of the best teachers and principals throughout my career. They have opened their doors, shared ideas and supported me both professionally and personally. I am proud to say that they continue to inspire me every day, and I absolutely LOVE being a teacher at Barth!



Reading Eagle: Lauren A. Little | Kelli Wolfel teaches a math lesson about fractions to her third-grade class at Barth Elementary.

What I find most meaningful about teaching third-graders: I really enjoy teaching third grade. I get to teach all of the subjects, and that keeps the day interesting. Third-graders love school and get really excited about learning! So much is new that they soak it up like a sponge!

Funniest classroom moment: My first year of teaching, we were learning about American symbols such as the bald eagle and the Liberty Bell. One of my students was apparently inspired by the topic. Right in the middle of the lesson, he stood up and posed as the Statue of Liberty as he was singing "The Star-Spangled Banner." Everyone stopped, turned to see what was happening and we all just laughed! It was a fantastic acting debut!

If I weren't an educator, I'd be: I would love to work at a sports stadium like FirstEnergy. Working as an usher or in a public relations position would be a lot of fun! I love to meet and talk to people, and I am a HUGE sports fan!

You might not know: I have lost count of how many Bon Jovi concerts that I have been to over the years. I am a big fan!

See more at: <http://www.readingeagle.com/news/article/tri-county-in-our-schools-kelli-wolfel>

Congratulations to Leon Kanopka for being featured in the Reading Eagle's " In Our Schools " section:

I grew up in: East Brunswick, N.J.

I now live in: Schwenksville Family: Wife, Sue; sons, Leo, 11; and Colby, 7; and our dog, Maceo.

Education: East Brunswick High School, Kutztown University and Cabrini College.

How I spend my free time: I love listening to and seeing live music. I'm the director of travel soccer for the Perkiomen Valley Soccer Club, and I coach the Perk Valley U12 boys travel soccer team.

In the little free time I have left: mountain biking, cyclo-cross riding, running, fishing and exploring nature!

Teacher who inspired me: Mrs. Pompiselli was my first-grade teacher. She saw me struggling, mainly because I yearned to be outside and not in a classroom. She found a

way to bring the outside in and made learning fun for me by making the outdoor connection I needed. I also feel very blessed to co-teach with Lori Freese at Franklin Elementary School. She embodies everything positive about teaching. She continues to teach me, through her daily interactions with students, how to be an excellent educator.

Funniest classroom moment: As a kindergarten teacher, I often forget how literal the little ones can be. I mentioned to the class that I had a song stuck in my head. One of my students stood up and started looking at my head very closely. She walked completely around me, peeking at my hair and eyeing the top of my head quizzically. Then she replied, "You're so funny, Mr. K., you don't have a song stuck in your head! I can't see it anywhere." How can you not laugh?

If I weren't an educator, I'd be: Teaching is a second career for me. I worked in the banking and investment industry, as well as technology. Honestly, I can't say I would rather be doing anything else because I've tried a handful of other careers.

Why I decided to switch careers and become a teacher: When I was a freshman at Kutztown University and working towards my business administration degree, my adviser asked if I ever considered being a teacher. At the time, I felt this was not the path for me. However, that conversation always stuck with me. Years later, I married an elementary school teacher and better understood how rewarding this profession is. Being a teacher, every day is something new and something meaningful. I truly feel I am making a difference.

You might not know: My personal goal is to visit all 50 states. I only have seven to go!



See more at: <http://www.readingeagle.com/news/article/tri-county-in-our-schools-leon-kanopka#.VxjlUtcspiM.email>

Congratulations to Kristin Lafferty for being featured in the Reading Eagle's "In Our Schools" section:
Kristin is an outstanding educator and a role model for her students and peers. She is also a homegrown PHS graduate. Another reason to say, "Proud to be from Pottstown."

I grew up in: Pottstown, and reside there now.

Family: Husband, Jeff; daughters, Addison, 7; and Emma, 2; and our dogs, Zoe and Oreo.

Education: Pottstown High School, West Chester University.

How I spend my free time: I love cheering for Addison at her soccer games and playing with Emma at the playground.

My family loves going to the shore. We enjoy fishing, crabbing and relaxing on the beach. I also love to just sit and read a good book.

Teacher who inspired me: Mrs. Diane Baker was my third-grade teacher. She made me strive to be a better student.

Mrs. Baker made learning fun! I remember writing my first book report on the Wright brothers in her class. I was so overwhelmed with such a huge project. She encouraged me to take it one step at a time and I ended up writing a wonderful book report.

My thoughts on returning to my home district to teach: I returned to my home district to teach because I know the community. I understand the challenges and struggles that our students and parents go through. It also helps the students and parents relate to me. I tell them how I grew up here in Pottstown and the experiences I have had. It is gratifying that I am able to give back to the community that made me who I am today.

Funniest classroom moment: Funny things happen all the time in first grade. Yesterday, my class was writing about what they want to be when they grow up. I have a student who absolutely loves pickles. He's obsessed with pickles! My students always joke around with him about it. So, he wrote in his writing journal that he wanted to be a pickle when he is older because he wants to be green and tasty. He also said that if you see him that you'll have to stop him from eating himself. He had the whole class cracking up when he read his journal entry.

If I weren't an educator, I'd be: I have wanted to be a teacher ever since I can remember. I played school all the time when I was little. It was always my dream to teach. The only other occupation I would consider is a stay-at-home mom. I'd love to spend more time with my girls.

You might not know: I hold the permanent record for the annual Pottstown Middle School run. The course changed during the construction of the high school years ago, so I will always hold that record.



Pottstown School District teachers Robin Anderson and Diane Hahn take their We Are Pottstown Pride on a mission of goodwill to Guatemala. They are part of a mission group from Christ's Church of the Valley working with an organization called Casas Por Cristo in Guatemala. They are helping to build homes for those in need.

Congratulations to high school history teacher Maureen Rieger who was awarded a James Madison Memorial Fellowship by the James Madison Foundation. She is one of only 53 recipients in the country and the only teacher in the state of Pennsylvania to be recognized with this award. The fellowship includes \$24,000 of course study work towards a master's degree. <http://evan-brandt.blogspot.com/2016/08/pottstown-high-school-teacher-has-right.html>



Congratulations to Dr. Jeffrey Sparagana on being named the Tri County Chamber of Commerce recipient of the Andrew J. Paravis Excellence in Local Government and Education. The criterion for the award is to honor an individual who is a professional in the local government or educational sector of the tri-county area and has established excellence in their field. Dr. Sparagana was honored at the Chamber Annual Dinner held at River Crest Golf Club. This is a well deserved honor and gives us another reason to say Proud to be from Pottstown.



Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Jeffrey Sparagana was recognized with a citation from the Pennsylvania State House of Representatives for his outstanding contributions to education during his 43 years in the field of education. State Representatives Thomas Quigley and Tim Hennessey presented the citation at a spring school board meeting.



Congratulations to Dave Genova for being named to the Top TDM Professionals Under 40 by the Greater Valley Forge Transportation Management Association. Dave is responsible for the organization and operation of our “Walking School Bus” project and was presented the award in recognition of the efforts he is making to create a walk-able community that is vibrant and successful.



21st Annual YWCA Tribute to Exceptional Women

PHS classroom assistant **Regina Astheimer** was honored with the **Coretta Scott King award** recognizing her as: *being an agent of change, advocate and empowerment for girls; Committed to social justice and peace, equality, and human rights.* Congratulations to Regina for this outstanding recognition.



A **Memorial Award** was presented in honor of **Sandy Zuchero**, a former PMS special education teacher who passed away in November after a valiant battle with brain cancer. Sandy was recognized for her significant impact on the lives of women and families during her life. She founded a non-profit "Mother Goose Read to Me" with the goal of educating the parents about the importance of reading to infants and providing books for low income families.



Congratulations to our other district nominees:

- ☆ High school cheerleading coach Christina Weiss
- ☆ Middle school cheerleading coach Janel Worner
- ☆ PEAK partner, YWCA PA PreK Counts teacher Kimberly Howerter

These great accomplishments by our staff make us all: **Proud to be from Pottstown!**

HIGH SCHOOL

Thanks to Grumpy's Restaurant and Beverly's Pastry Shop for sponsoring the 4th annual "Chopped Challenge" for our Culinary Arts students. This year's winner in the sandwich division was Kayla Wise and the winner in the pastry division was the team of Felicity Patten and Jaylen Chestnut. The winners received \$50 cash, a gift basket, and their dish placed on the menu at Grumpy's and Beverly's. Chopped Challenge is also a fundraising event and over \$600.00 has been raised to assist the Culinary Arts program.

<http://www.pottsmmerc.com/lifestyle/20160314/video-pottstown-high-school-students-compete-in-chopped-challenge>



(Photo ID: Felicity Patten, Kayla Wise, and Jaylen Chestnut)

Winning Cupcake



Winning Sandwich



Breakfast with “Hippity Hop” Helps to Serve Community



The Trojans 4 a Cure Club, along with the Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Club and the “Keep Me Warm for the Holiday” organization, raised over \$1,000.00 at the breakfast event held in the high school cafeteria. The funds will be used to support the Relay For Life initiative, to purchase gloves, hats, and scarves for elementary students, and to support the FCCLA organization.

The following students are members of the Trojans 4 a Cure Club: Charaine Andrews, Conor Benfield, Alex Caballero, Jen Hainsey, Tiffany Hilbert, Emily Jerdon, Nala Johnson, Gianna Kimmell, Alyssa Paules, Suli Rivera, Midori Somich, Zoe Wallace, and Makenna Watters.

The following students are member of the FCCLA Club: Kayla Wise, Jaylen Chestnut, James Coleman, Felicity Patten, and Brandon Eppler.



The Trojans 4 A Cure, along with sponsor Rebecca Heiser, held a spaghetti dinner for Autism Awareness. The "Light It Up Blue" event was supported by the efforts of the Culinary Arts Department, under the direction of Chef Jackie Mathias. Member of the Jazz Band provided entertainment for the event which was another in the long series of community service and awareness events conducted by the Trojans 4 A Cure.



On Saturday, April 16, 2016, twenty-one (21) members of Trojans 4 A Cure participated as part of the team, Superheroes for Autism, in the Lehigh Valley Walk for Autism Speaks at the Bethlehem SteelStacks. Even Trojan Man was there representing PHS and taking part in the walk. The students represented Pottstown well and members of another group commented on how respectful and mature our students were throughout the walk.

Throughout the 3rd Quarter, Trojans 4 A Cure sold Autism Awareness ribbons and puzzle pieces during lunches, sold their team t-shirts, and held a "Light It Up Blue" Spaghetti Dinner on April 1st, as part of their efforts to raise money for Autism Speaks and raise awareness of Autism. In total, Trojans 4 A Cure raised and donated \$617.25 to Autism Speaks.

The Junior Air Force ROTC unit, under the direction of Col. James Porter and Sgt. Anthony Kearse, had to do some high flying. Cadets provided service at three community events during the day. The Color Guard helped to open the Pottstown Little League Baseball season in a patriotic way. Soon after the opening ceremonies, cadets were on hand to provide help in setting up tables and displays for the Bark for Life event. The unit also helped to set up and provide service at the annual



PEAK Celebrating The Young Child event held at Pottstown High School. Pottstown Jr. Air Force ROTC proved once again why they have been recognized with the Air Force Distinguished Unit Award for the past 17 years in a row. Teenagers volunteering their time on a Saturday to serve their community, how can you not say "Proud to be from Pottstown!"



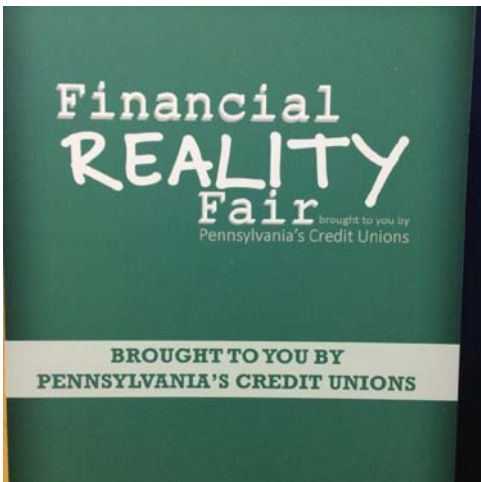
Cadets from the Junior Air Force ROTC unit, led by Col. James Porter, worked side-by-side with veterans as they helped to beautify and landscape the memorial honoring our military heroes.



Congratulations to the ROTC unit, under the director of Col. James Porter and Sgt. Anthony Kearse, for being recognized for the 17th year in a row with the Distinguished Unit Award presented by the United States Air Force. The award recognizes the Pottstown cadets as one of the top units of the 900 ROTC units based throughout the United States and Europe.

Pottstown High School Prom – click on the link to see some pictures of all the fun on the Mercury photo gallery <http://media.pottsmmerc.com/2016/05/09/photos-pottstown-high-school-senior-prom/#2>

Thanks to our friends at Diamond Credit Union and Tri County Area Federal Credit Union for helping our students learn some valuable lessons in financial literacy. Click on the link for the full story: <http://www.pottsmmerc.com/business/20160414/pottstown-high-school-students-get-a-dose-of-financial-reality>



Literally called a “Reality Fair,” the event aims to teach kids about personal finances in a very personal way. In class, students chose a potential career and were then provided with an average salary for that career. Virtual paycheck in hand, they then proceeded to the gymnasium, one class at a time, to visit tables, each representing a necessity that requires a piece of that personal paycheck.

There were tables for housing, for food, insurance, investment, transportation, education and more.



TROJAN SATURDAY

On the first weekend in April on a cold, rainy Saturday morning, over 30 students from Student Government and ROTC took part in the annual "Spring Make A Difference Day Clean-up Project" by planting trees, flowerbeds, and mulching around the high school campus. The project was organized by Student Government sponsor Maureen Rieger and ROTC Commander Col. Jake Porter.



Also on that same day, the high school Show Choir had an early morning practice directed by Mr. Tom Marsden and assisted by 2015 graduate Jenna Endy who choreographed the group's performance.



Not to be outdone, on the academic side, the Trojan Poptart Saturday Morning Math Breakfast Club, directed by teachers Corby Drone and Laura Luzeski, helped students improve their math skills.



Leila Atoó was a finalist in the Greater Pottstown Foundation Scholarship for Arts.

She competed for a \$10,000 scholarship with students from Pottsgrove, Owen J. Roberts, and The Hill School. The scholarship was awarded on the basis of artistic performance and an essay on why the applicant wanted to continue their education in the arts. Congratulations for being a finalist!



*The Greater Pottstown
Foundation Scholarship
for the Arts Exhibit*

This \$10,000 scholarship is designed to financially assist a local high school senior from Pottstown, Pottsgrove, Owen J. Roberts or The Hill School in obtaining a degree from accredited academic institutions of higher learning for study in the arts. ArtFusion 19464 is proud to partner for the fifth year with the Foundation to present this scholarship.

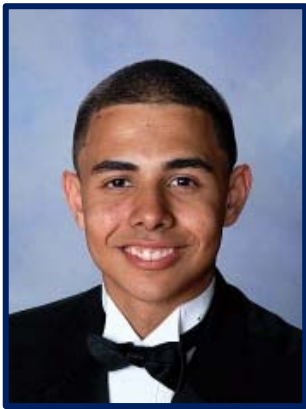
The scholarship is awarded based on two criteria: artistic performance as displayed at the Greater Pottstown Foundation Scholarship Art Exhibit at ArtFusion 19464, and an essay on why the applicant wants to continue their education in the arts. The applicant's intended field of study must include a major or a minor in an arts-related field.



National Honor Society Students Recognized at Annual Awards Dinner



Back row: Mr. Bob Decker, Paul Sabold, Mya Pope, Justin Beasley-Turner
Front row: John Johnson, Michael Stilwell, Seth Thomas, Brittany Bosko, Chloe Francis, Mason Pennypacker, Justin Stewart, Yireh Byas, Logan Pennypacker



Daniel Garcia was the recipient of the Robert T. Palladino Memorial Scholarship presented by the NARI-Building Industries Exchange. This fall, Garcia will attend Williamson College of the Trades.

Class of 2016 Information

- Class of **161** students
 - Number of girls – **63**
 - Number of boys – **98**
- Number of students who started and completed all of their education in Pottstown – **91**
- Post High School Plans:
 - Continuing Education:
 - 4 year college/university – **43**
 - 2 year college/university – **37**
 - Trade/technical school – **3**
 - Armed Services – **14**
 - Work World – **42**
 - Other (homemaker, unemployed, unknown, etc.) – **22**
- Scholarships/Awards – total value for senior class - **\$1,275,870**



**Valedictorian
Justin Stewart**



**Salutatorian
Michael Stilwell**



**Class President
Cheyanne Marshall**



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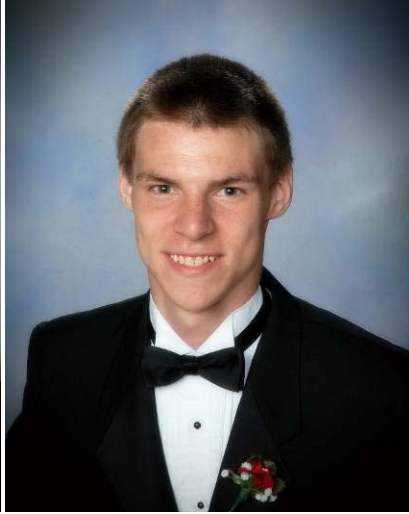
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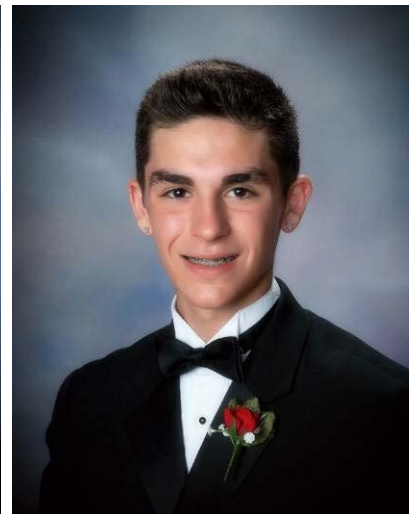
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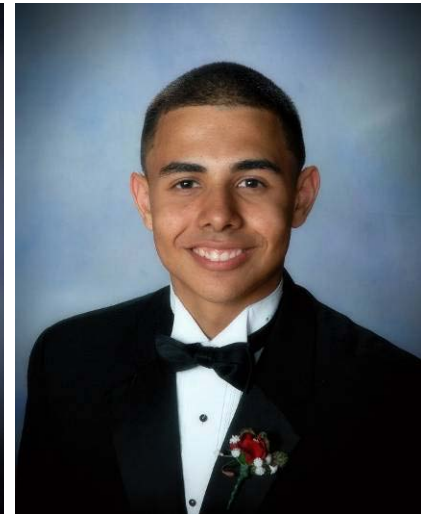
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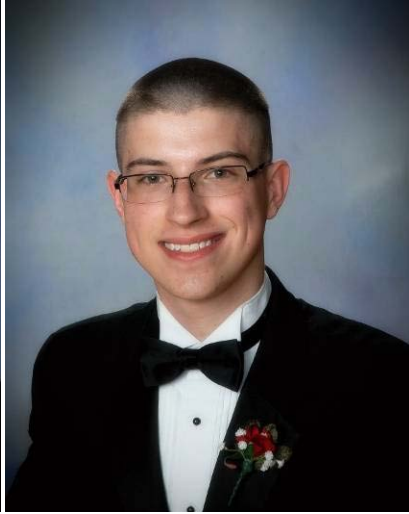
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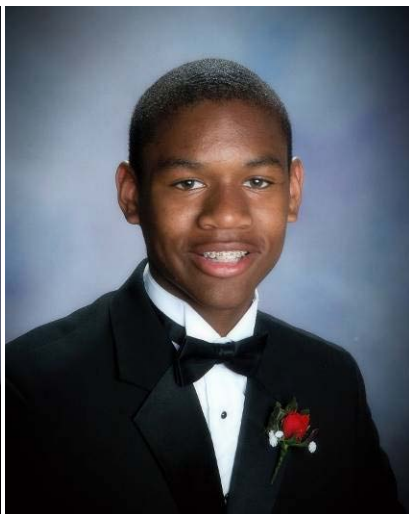
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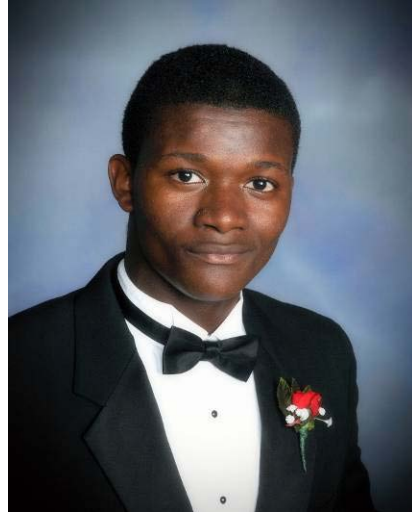
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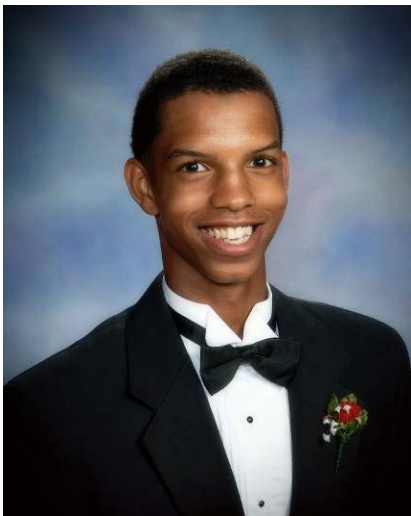
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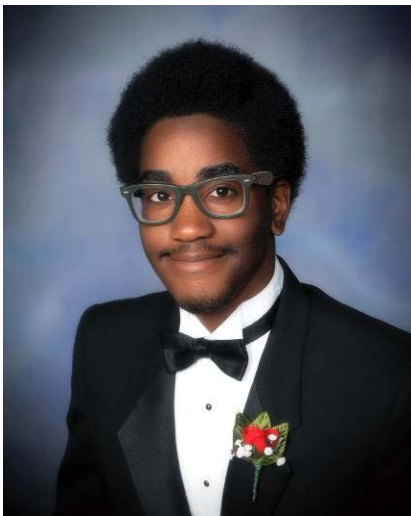
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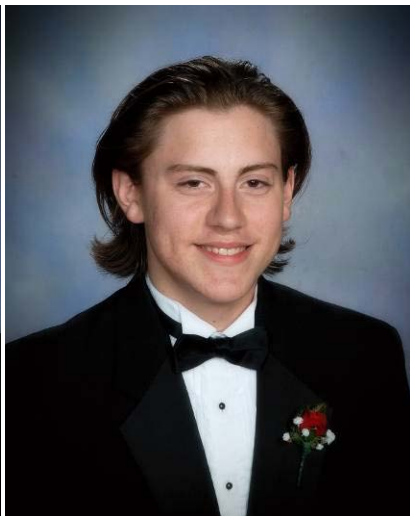
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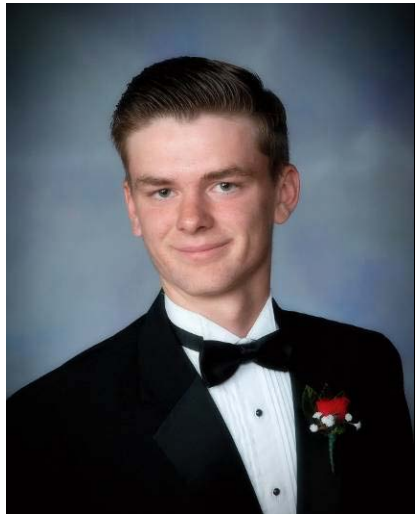
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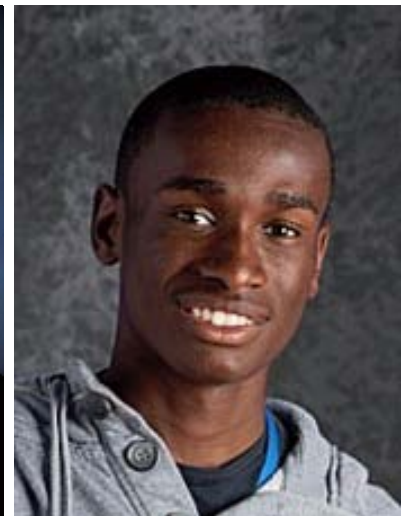
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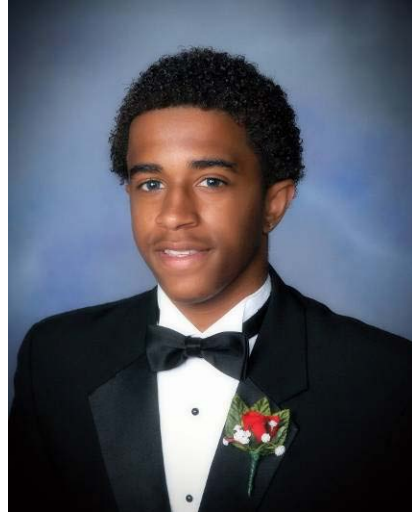
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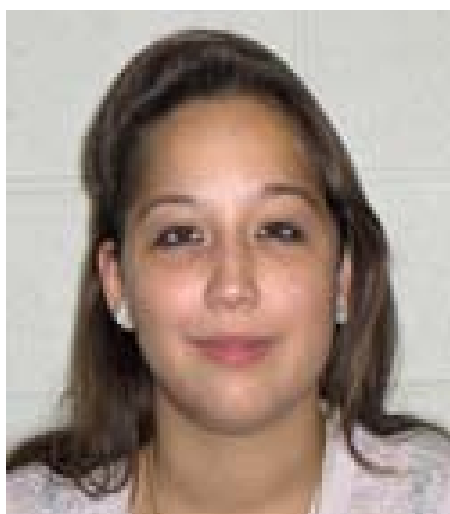
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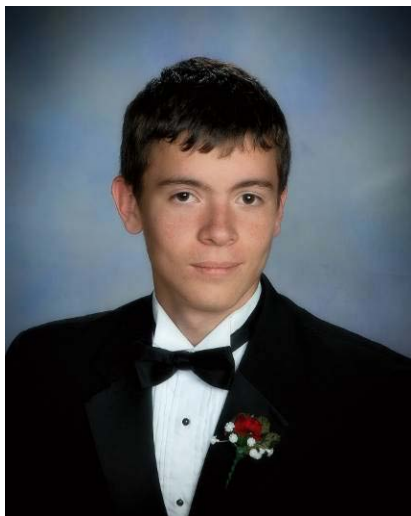
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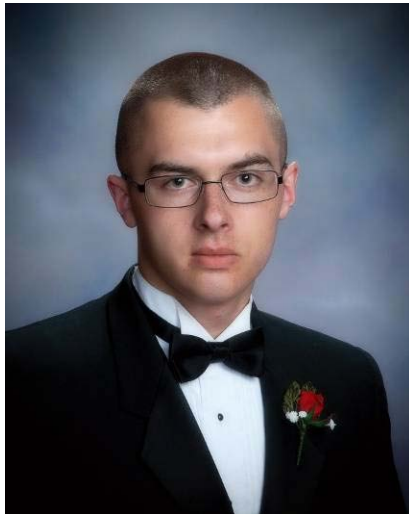
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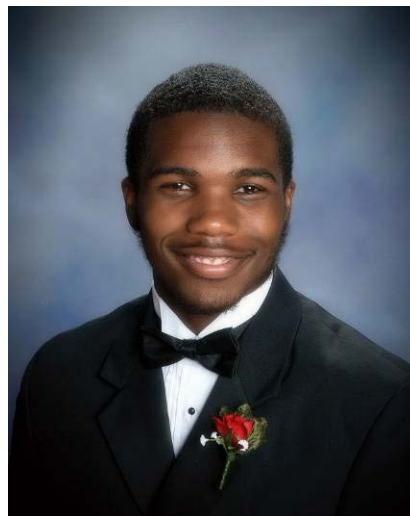
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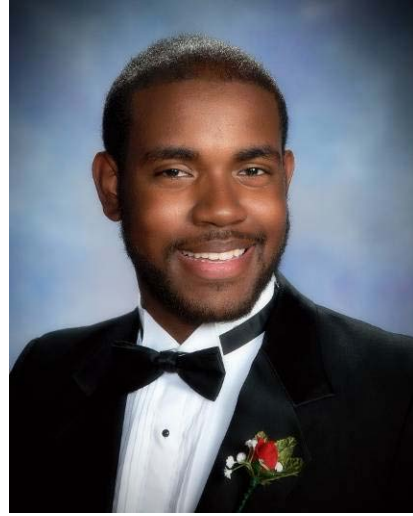
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2016 POTTSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION PLANS



George Adamski – Marines;
Kendra Andrews – MCCC;
Leila Atoo – MCCC;
Maxine Bacon – MCCC;
Demar Barnes – MCCC;
Trisha Barthel – MCCC;
Justin Beasley Turner –
Moravian College;
Jaeden Beasley – MCCC;
Jaylin Beasley – MCCC;
Conor Benfield – MCCC;

Hunter Bentley – UTI; **Breana Bodnar** – Alvernia University; **Brittany Bosko** - University of San Diego; **Desharia Bridges** – MCCC; **Tatum Burmester** – MCCC; **Sabrina Butler** - Delaware Valley University; **Yireh Byas** – MCCC; **Kathleen Campbell** - Albright College; **Denkera Chestnut** - Gwynedd Mercy University; **Caitlin Cornish** – MCCC; **Ayramis Covington** – MCCC; **Matthew Creasy** – Military; **Pedro Cruz Amigon** – Marines; **Troi Daniels** - Indiana University of Pennsylvania; **Hunter DeBlase** – MCCC; **Shane Dugan** – Military; **Shamir Edwards** - East Stroudsburg University; **Cera Emmell** - Berks Technical Institute; **Brandon Eppler** – MCCC; **Chloe Francis** - West Chester University; **Daniel Garcia** – Military; **Tayana Garcia** - Johnson & Wales University; **Timothy Grassi** - Military/Marines; **Jazmen Green** -Eastern University; **Luke Green** – Army; **London Gregory** - Duquesne University; **Corey Hall** - Duquesne University; **Zechariah Howard** - Immaculata University; **Amiyah Hudson** – MCCC; **Daiwan Hunt** - The Art Institute; **Alaina James** - East Stroudsburg University; **Indiya Jeffers** – MCCC; **John Jefferson** – MCCC; **Kendal Jennings** - University of Pittsburgh; **Marinah Johnson Mauras** - Drexel University; **John Johnson** - Drexel University; **Jarae Jones** – MCCC; **Izreal King** - Lincoln University; **Alec Krause** - Alvernia University; **Allison Kulp** – MCCC; **Claudia La** – MCCC; **Alonna Lynch** – MCCC; **Cheyenne Marshall** - Kutztown University; **Caitlin Mauras** - Art Institute of Philadelphia; **Chase McKain** - Rosemont College; **Halle Minor** – Army; **Eugene Nelson** – MCCC; **Daniel O'Brien** - Thaddeus Stevens College; **Kelly O'Donnell** - York College of Pennsylvania; **Nash Ohlinger** – MCCC; **Aidan Owens** - Alvernia University; **Zikia Paschall** – MCCC; **MarDaije Pearson** - Chestnut Hill College; **Kameron Penn** - St. Augustine's University; **Logan Pennypacker** - Albright College; **Mason Pennypacker** - Penn State Berks; **Erica Piechota** – MCCC; **Angellica Phippen** - Moore College of Art & Design; **Mya Pope** - Utica College; **Dylan Raihl** – MCCC; **Jayana Raison Craig** - Lincoln University; **Troy Rivera** – MCCC; **Halle Robinson** - Bloomsburg University; **Paul Sabold** - Military/Marines; **Maria Saenz** – MCCC; **Thomas Scharneck** – MCCC; **Donta Smith** – MCCC; **Joshua Stasik** - Military/Air Force; **Justin Stewart** – Penn State University; **Michael Stilwell** – Furman University; **Rebecca Stotsenburgh** – MCCC; **Anthony Thomas** – Army; **Seth Thomas** - Pace University; **Adam Thorne** - Thaddeus Stevens College; **Brandon Tinson** - Susquehanna University; **Juan Tinson** - Gannon University; **Veronica Tirado** - Kutztown University; **Michael Walker** – MCCC; **Zi Weng** - Temple/Army; **Shane Wicker** – MCCC; **Emanuel Wilkerson** - Eastern/MCCC; **Destiny Willis** - Waynesburg University; **Kayla Wise** - Johnson and Wales University; **Matthew Wood** - University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg; **Aaron Young** – Marines; **Haley Zaborsky** - Cabrini College; **Jimmie Zazzi** – Army; **Taylor Ziegler** – MCCC

MIDDLE SCHOOL

On Saturday, March 12, 2016 the 2016 Spelling Bee Regional Finals for Bucks and Montgomery Counties took place. The event was held at Penridge Central Middle School, Perkasie, PA and was sponsored by CAPS (Council for the Advancement of Public Schools). Sixty students entered, with the champion earning a week-long trip to the 2016 Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. **Amari Folly, an 8th grader from Pottstown Middle School**, was 1 of 23 students to make it to the 4th round. She spelled 3 words correctly prior to being eliminated in the 4th round and finishing 23rd out of 60.



Jazz Band

The Pottstown Middle School Jazz Band and Concert Band, under the direction of Mr. Ben Hayes, took part in the Music in the Parks festival held in Hershey, PA. The jazz band took 1st Place with a rating of Superior in its division and the concert band rated a score of Excellent and placed 2nd overall. Additionally, the jazz band took home the trophy for the Best Overall Jazz Band out of all divisions.

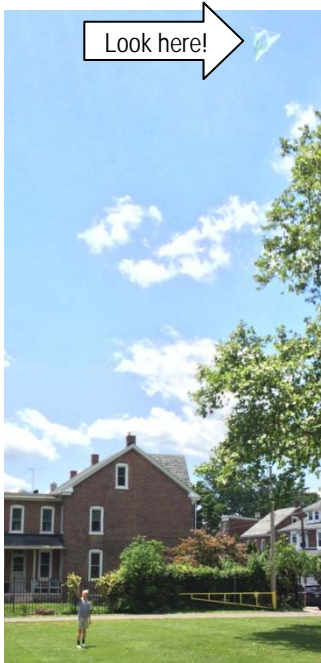


Middle School Flute, Clarinet, and Brass Ensembles performed and entertained at the Keystone Villa Retirement Community.



Middle School students are writing love letters and art teacher Ms. Liz Rega is encouraging them. Click on the video and you will see and hear more reasons why we all say Proud to be from Pottstown. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=79JNCI_MRUo&feature=youtu.be

Mr. Robert's mathematics classes learned how to use geometry and STEM technology to build triangular kites.



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 "A Good Friend Is..."

Award winners included:

- ★ Grade 5 – Oralee Wilson
- ★ Grade 6 – Jayniana Williams
- ★ Grade 7 – Naomi Parson
- ★ Grade 8 – Emily Weber

ELEMENTARY

Special Person Luau at Franklin

The Friends of Franklin and the staff got together and threw the first ever 4th grade Special Person Luau. The gym was decorated with a “tiki” theme including grass decorations, Hawaiian Leis, and balloons fashioned into pineapples. The drink of choice was Hawaiian Punch, and the cupcakes even had mini-umbrellas in them! Activities included dancing, a photo booth, and snacks. The DJ led the night with group dances such as “Whip and Nae Nae,” “Limbo Rock,” “Chicken Dance,” “A Conga Line” (aka - Feeling Hot Hot Hot), “Cha-Cha Slide,” and a few others. The 4th graders were invited to bring a special adult in their life to celebrate with. Parents, cousins, and grandparents accepted and dressed the part. Special thanks to the Friends of Franklin for supporting and setting up the event. Shout outs to Mrs. Shumaker, Mr. Arms, Miss Shumaker, Ms. Hospador, Ms. Baldwin, and Mrs. Ewing for helping run the event. Congrats to Mrs. Ewing for leading the conga line, and was the clear Limbo winner! <http://evan-brandt.blogspot.com/2016/03/bittersweet-alohas-at-franklin.html>



Aloha 



Girls on the Run



It was around the block again and again for about 20 students that ran a 5K at Franklin Elementary School last week as part of the Girls on the Run program. The 3rd and 4th graders ran the three miles as practice to prepare them for a 5K race with other schools on Sunday, May 15, at Wissahickon High School in Ambler. Bridget Baldwin, 4th grade teacher and Girls on Run coach, said the practice helped students be ready for the big event Sunday. This is the second year Franklin Elementary School has organized a Girls on the Run club. In addition to preparing for the 5K, girls in the international program learn lessons covering different themes such as confidence. "The purpose of Girls on the Run is to foster confidence in the girls so they can deal with everyday situations in the real world like bullying," Baldwin said. She said students learn to love what makes them unique and how to have a positive self-image. Fourth grader Isabelle DiCampello said this is her first year doing the running program and it's helped her learn about

herself. "So one of our lessons was about star power like your inner self and the best self you can be," she said. Although new to Girls on the Run, DiCampello is an avid runner. She does obstacle runs that include going up a mountain with her sister and dad. She was the first student to finish the 5K Monday and her speed was about 9 minutes per mile. "It helps me sort of calm down. It releases stress," DiCampello said of running.

The Rupert Elementary I'MPACT team visited the homes of its students. The team went out to visit students from each grade level to congratulate them and their families, and to acknowledge student successes during the Third Marking Period. I'MPACT is an acronym for I'm Pottstown Action Community Team. Its mission is to "Celebrate Learning" with positive communication of activities happening at school through the building of relationships with community members. The team makes door-to-door visits to surprise students and their families with certificates of achievement, and I'MPACT Winner shirts. Students are congratulated for their hard work, citizenship, and positive behavior. The I'MPACT Team consists of teachers, support staff, parents, and administrators from Rupert Elementary School.

Students Visited:

- ★ Avon Jones
- ★ Eric Silva
- ★ Arthur Nihart
- ★ John Kabilko
- ★ Sarahi Gurdado-Ramos
- ★ Logan Pouchan
- ★ Owen Thornton

Staff Attending:

Matt Moyer, Stacey Bauman, Laurie Gresko, Cindy Bartolucci, Lauren Crean, Corina Miller, Jayne Burke, Rine Strohecker, Britney Oxenford, Lisa Stephenson, Diana Dotterer, and Christine Fiorillo



Rupert Elementary Annual 4th Grade Reading Picnic

Over 150 parents and students enjoyed a beautiful day eating their lunch outdoors and reading some of their favorite books.

<http://www.readingeagle.com/news/article/parents-join-kids-for-lunch-on-lawn-at-rupert-elementary-school#>



FOURTH GRADE MATH OLYMPIAD

Fourth grade students from all four Pottstown Elementary Schools competed with each other in the second 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

Team Winner: LINCOLN TEAM 1

Austin Sundstrom, Dominic DiPietro, Ariana Careme, Eric Strickland, Devon Smith

Individual Winner: Makenna Franey from Franklin Elementary

Special Thanks to: Tri-County Federal Credit Union for sponsoring the event!



TEAM LINCOLN:

Aiden Rogiani, Devon Smith, Makayla Smith,
Austin Sundstrom, Dominic DiPietro, Hannah Ingham,
Ariana Careme, Mehki Jenkins-Glover

Lincoln Coaches:

Mandy Wampole and Denise Schleicher



TEAM RUPERT:

Jayden Pray, Maddie Lamparez, Ethan Yost,
Savannah Richards, Kaitlyn Alessi, Kiersten Pennypacker,
Amber Heater

Rupert Coaches:

Allen Ferster, Jamie Fazekas, Nicole Valenti, Del Ferster



FOURTH GRADE MATH OLYMPIAD continued:

TEAM FRANKLIN:

Makenna Franey, Phoenix Rhoads, Adam Alaoui,
Layla Bearden, Robert Fitzpatrick, Kyle Chaney,
Khsia Jeter

Franklin Coaches:

Ms. Baldwin, Ms. Confino, Mrs. Stout



TEAM BARTH:

Collin Mattis, Najae Perez, Nahzier Booker,
Regina Flemming, Jonathan Moser, Layla Lettiere,
Roy Chen

Barth Coaches:

Brad Mayberry, Ann Marie McDonnell, Nicola Alutius



<http://www.readingeagle.com/news/article/pottstown-fourth-graders-compete-in-math-olympiad>

Rupert Field Day

Click here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0cIIClqYIIQ>

Rupert Mini Relay For Life Walk

Click here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=13_7pf3bOQ4

Rupert Elementary "Caught Being Good"



Barth Elementary Super Heroes Fight Cancer Superhero Day, Lemonade Stand and Mini Relay for Life

- Barth Lemonade Stand - For just \$0.50 a cup, students slurped down the refreshing beverage during their lunch zone. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society.
- Superheroes of all shapes and sizes seized the day at Barth Elementary. Representatives included classics like Batman, Captain America, Superman, Spiderman, Elsa, Wonder Woman and Cat Woman as well as originals like Kind Girl, Captain Cool, and our very own Super Sub.
- Closing the day, the entire school participated in our annual Mini Relay for Life where we "linked" together and paraded around the school.



TEAMWORK
MAKES THE
DREAM WORK!!!!



ENGLE AWARD WINNERS

Barth Elementary Winners

- ★ 1st Place – Regina Fleming
- ★ 2nd Place – Collin Mattis
- ★ 3rd Place – Najae Perez

Franklin Elementary Winners

- ★ 1st Place – Makenna Franey
- ★ 2nd Place – Robert Fitzpatrick
- ★ 3rd Place – Phoenix Rhoads

Lincoln Elementary Winners

- ★ 1st Place – Austin Sundstrom
- ★ 2nd Place – Dominic DiPietro
- ★ 3rd Place – Hannah Ingham

Rupert Elementary Winners

- ★ 1st Place – Kaitlyn Alessi
- ★ 2nd Place – Tyler Broughton
- ★ 3rd Place – Nysir Dowling

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Barth Elementary Winners

- ★ Kindergarten – Kamryn King
- ★ Grade 1 - Isabella Paschall
- ★ Grade 2 - Isiah Perez
- ★ Grade 3 - Olivia Chin
- ★ Grade 4 - Layla Lettiere



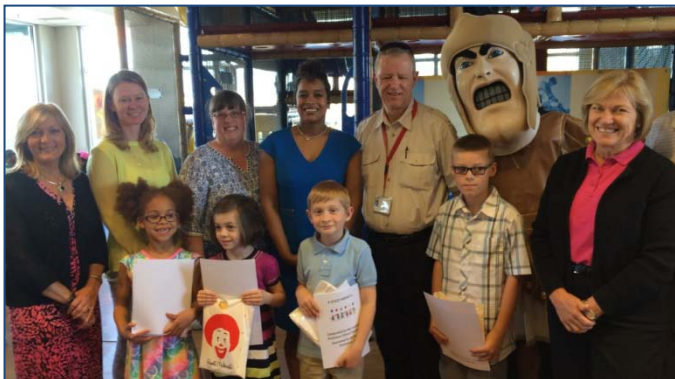
Franklin Elementary Winners

- ★ Kindergarten – Isabella Moore
- ★ Grade 1 - Maisie Waite
- ★ Grade 2 - Annasophia Chhern
- ★ Grade 3 - Cheynia Boyer
- ★ Grade 4 - Mikyla Brandon



Lincoln Elementary Winners

- ★ Kindergarten – Autumn Fair
- ★ Grade 1 - Sione Worrell-Tilghman
- ★ Grade 2 - Spencer Steed
- ★ Grade 3 - Luciano Romano
- ★ Grade 4 - Devon Smith



Rupert Elementary Winners

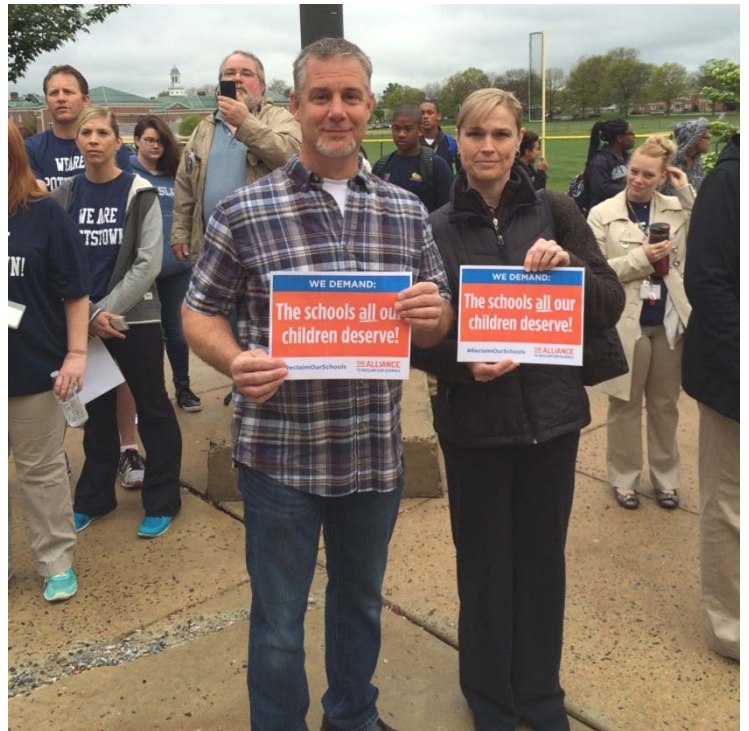
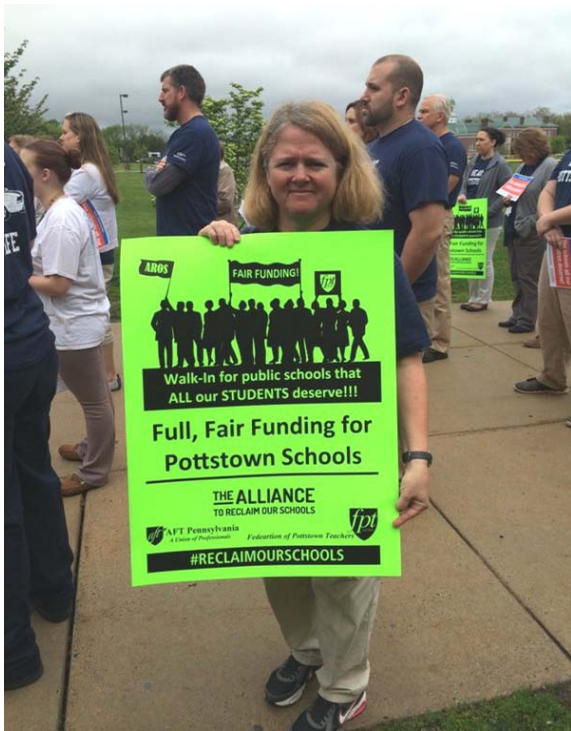
- ★ Kindergarten – Makaila Plummer
- ★ Grade 1 - Mary Jane Adams
- ★ Grade 2 - Christian Hoffman
- ★ Grade 3 - Miranda Pineda
- ★ Grade 4 - Julissa Gandaria



WALK IN

Pottstown School District hosted a "Walk In" to support fair funding for all public schools. "Legislators have a collective responsibility to fund all public schools adequately and fairly, at stake is the most precious resource in every community in the commonwealth, our children".

The Basic Education Funding Commission's findings show that the Pottstown School District is underfunded by \$ 11,921,091 a year. What would our tax situation look like if we could reduce the burden on our community by that amount?



Trojans support St. Jude Hospital

The Trojans 4 a Cure, along with the cheerleaders, hosted a superhero/mascot mini golf tournament and raised over \$800 to support the work of St. Jude Hospital.



STAFF AND SCHOOL BOARD AWARDS

Congratulations to Carol Brightbill on receiving honorable mention in the 2015 International Photographer of the Year Contest. Carol's talent is internationally recognized. She is another part of the Pottstown story that makes you say "Proud to be from Pottstown!"



See more of her work at the following link:
<http://www.carolbrightbillphotography.com/>

TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

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

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|--|---|-----------------|
| ➤ Barth Elementary School | - | Deena Alexander |
| ➤ Franklin Elementary School | - | Darla Stout |
| ➤ Lincoln Elementary School | - | Michael Koman |
| ➤ Rupert Elementary School | - | Nicole Leh |
| ➤ Pottstown Middle School 5 th /6 th | - | Debbie Wilson |
| ➤ Pottstown Middle School 7 th /8 th | - | Ben Hayes |
| ➤ Pottstown High School | - | Eileen Basham |

Pottstown School District Teacher of the Year – Ben Hayes



THANK YOU TO OUR FRIENDS

- ❖ Thank you to Tri County Area Federal Credit Union for sponsoring our 4th Grade Math Olympiad program. Tri County provided team tee-shirts for all participating students and sponsored snacks and refreshments the night of the competition.



- ❖ Thanks to the Pottstown Area Health and Wellness Foundation for their support of the School District and the Community Land trust in helping to grow a greener better tomorrow. Click on link:



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- ❖ Thank you to all of our partners who have helped on this journey to make healthy living a priority. Congratulations to the Franklin Elementary School Family and Mr. Dave Genova for being honored for their efforts in promoting healthy living. Click on link: <http://www.pottsmmerc.com/lifestyle/20160622/pottstown-staff-schools-ended-the-year-by-winning-in-wellness>



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.

- **Gertrude Gaukler** - Class of 1944 – She was the daughter of the late Robert Gaukler and



Amelia (Epler) Gaukler-Kamiya. She graduated from the Laboratory Institute of Merchandising in New York which prepared her to become a buyer for John Wanamaker in Philadelphia and Woodward & Lothrop in Washington D.C. She was a member of the Christian Women's club of Pottstown, the Century Club of Pottstown, and New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church. Gertrude loved to travel through Europe and Asia, read, needlework, and volunteer. She volunteered at her church as an Altar Guide, in the Archives Committee, and in the Mission Task Force Committee. She also took pride in volunteering in Action at the Norristown State Hospital as chairman for the Holiday Bazaar and at toggery shops where clothing is donated. She was also an avid Phillies Fan.

- **Leatrice J. Phipps** - Class of 1943 – She was born in Pottstown and was the daughter of the late Rayel and Myrtle Rhoads Geschwind and the wife of Richard F. Phipps with whom she shared 60 years of marriage. Leatrice was a member of St. Mark's Evangelical Episcopal Church, Honey Brook. Leatrice was an executive secretary for the President at West Pharmaceutical Services for many years. She loved music, but also enjoyed traveling, animals, and horseback riding. She played the organ and piano at various churches in Pottstown, Honey Brook, Royersford, and Morgantown.

- **Judy J. Rosenberry** - Class of 1945 – Judy was 88 and the widow of B. Frank Rosenberry. Born in Pottstown, PA she was the daughter of the late Michael and Julia (King) Bayus. Judy had worked for the former Feroe Box Factory of Pottstown for 15 years. She then worked for Professional Pharmacy in Pottstown for 15 years. She then worked escorting tours for Klein Bus Service in Douglassville for two years. She was a member of the former Maria Assunta Lodge of Pottstown, PA.

- **W. Eugene Bertolet** - Class of 1951 - Born in Pottstown, Pa., he was a son of the late Eugene



S. Bertolet and the late Mary (Wisler) Bertolet. He was a 1964 graduate of Ursinus College. After high school he worked for Doehler-Jarvis, and Philco Ford. He then worked at Neapco from 1975, retiring from there in 1997. He also worked part-time for Overholtzer's Radio & Television for 24 years. Eugene was a member of Zion's United Church of Christ, Pottstown. He was a model train enthusiast, and loved old cars.

- **Doris A. (Bradley) Yocom** - Class of 1941 – She was the widow of J. Harold Yocom and the daughter of Charles D. and Jennie (Ingram) Bradley. She was employed by Doehler-Jarvis until starting a family and dedicating her time as a homemaker. Mrs. Yocom was a longtime treasurer and Sunday school teacher at Temple United Methodist Church of North Coventry.

- **Betty L. (Johnson) Mauger** - Class of 1947 – She was the wife of the late L. Stanley Mauger, together they celebrated 65 years of marriage. Born December 22, 1929 in Pottstown, she was the daughter of the late Irvin Leroy Johnson and the late Sara R. (Trout) Johnson. She obtained a diploma in Administrative Secretarial Sciences in 1948 from Rider College, now Rider University. She began her secretarial career at the law firm of Rutter & O'Donnell where she met her future husband, L. Stanley Mauger. Betty was a member of the Salem United Methodist Church in Pottstown, where she utilized her secretarial skills by typing the church bulletins for many years. She was also a member of the Schuylkill Chapter No. 338 of the Order of the Eastern Star and the American Legion Auxiliary. She had also volunteered for the American Red Cross in Pottstown, again utilizing her secretarial skills. Betty was an avid pinochle player and enjoyed playing cards, Bingo, and games with friends and family. Her hobbies included solving cross-word and other word puzzles, reading, and road trips with her husband. Together, they visited each of the lower 48 states of the United States in their many years of travel. She was particularly fond of the Jersey shore, vacationing in Cape May and Ocean City where she would stroll the boardwalks and watch the ocean waves.



- **Ronald A. "Oxie" Oxenford** - Class of 1971 – He would have celebrated his 43rd wedding anniversary to Cheryl in July. Born in Pottstown, PA, he was a son of Mildred (Kovach) Oxenford, Pottstown and the late George Oxenford. Oxie was one of the original members of the Wall Boys. Oxie was employed as a union carpenter with Local 1595 for over 30 years. He could best be recognized by his signature mustache and his classic cars, his favorite being his 40 Ford Coupe. Oxie LIVED for his grandchildren and being called Pop-Pop was what brought him the most joy.



- **David Hafer Shaner** - Class of 1949 – He was the husband of Inge (Link) Shaner. Born in his Pottstown home on October 7, 1930, he was a son of the late Warren A. Sr. and Alma R. (Hafer) Shaner. He was employed as a technician for 38 years with Ford Electronics, Lansdale, retiring in 1995. David was an Air Force Veteran of the Korean War. He was a 54 year member of the American Legion, Boyertown. David was a volunteer for 10 years with Meals-On-Wheels as well as a volunteer with Big Brothers - Big Sisters.



- **Leroy J. Eagle Jr.** - Class of 1947 - He was born in Pottstown, PA and was a son of the late Leroy Eagle Sr. and the late Margaret (Eschbach) Eagle. He was employed as a sewing machine mechanic for many years. He was president of the former Shamrocks, and would shoot darts in local leagues many years ago.

- **William (Bill) L. Hart, Jr.** - Class of 1942 – Bill was the husband of Doris (Schroeder) Hart.



Born in Pottstown, he was the son of the late W. Lawrence Sr. and Louise (Krause) Hart. Bill was a standout for PHS in both football and baseball. He was “Proud to be from Pottstown” and high school teammate of MLB player Bobby Shantz. After graduation, Bill entered the United States Army Air Corps, where he served during WWII as the flight engineer of a B17 crew at his post in the top turret, manning twin 50 caliber machine guns. He served his country honorably, flying many missions over Germany and France. His crew flew in support of the Allied invasion of Normandy on D-Day.

Bill returned to Pottstown after the war, attended Temple University and worked in his family’s plumbing business – L. Hart and Sons Plumbing & Heating Contractors. He also worked for Sears & Roebuck and retired from the Pottsgrove School District where he worked for 17 years as the Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds. Mr. and Mrs. Hart retired to Clarksville, DE, enjoying many years of living near the beach. He was a member of the VFW in Ocean View, DE and the Fenwick Island Lions Club. He was also a Past Commander of the George A. Amole Post #47 of the American Legion in Pottstown. Bill was an avid carver of waterfowl and birds and spent many hours in his carving shed known as “Bill’s Duck Barn.” He also enjoyed following Orioles baseball, camping, boating and fishing on the Chesapeake Bay, league golfing, attending air shows, and spending time with his family and friends.

- **Mr. James G. “Jim” McKerns** - Class of 1952 – Jim was born in Coaldale and he was the son of the late John and Doris (Schier) McKerns. Jim was a 20 year Army veteran serving in Vietnam. He worked as a machinist for NEAPCO of Pottstown.

- **Dr. Max Creswell** - Class of 1954 – He was born in Pottstown, PA on Sept. 23, 1937, the son



of the late J. Max and Helen (Shanley) Creswell. As a youth, he was very involved in Scouting, a member of First Methodist Boy Scout Troop #4. He attained the rank of Eagle Scout, with three palm clusters, and in 1954 he was the first recipient of the Harvey S. Firestone Jr. Award, an honor presented to the "outstanding Scout of the Valley Forge Council." He was a Vigil honor member of the Order of the Arrow. He attended Lafayette College, Easton, graduating from that school in 1958. He earned his divinity degree at McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, and in 1961 was ordained to the

ministry in the "old" First Presbyterian Church, at High and Evans Street in Pottstown. The first ten years of his ministry were spent at the First Presbyterian Church in Easton, and the Northway Presbyterian Church in Williamsport. In 1969, he was called to the First Presbyterian Church in Roselle, New Jersey, he was instrumental in founding the Day Care Center of the Presbyterian Church, a learning center still in operation. He also organized the Roselle-Roselle Park "CROP Walk for Hunger," and was involved in numerous community outreach programs. His formal education continued at the New York Theological Seminary, where he received a second master's degree, as well as a doctorate in ministry. He was invited to serve as an adjunct faculty member of that seminary, a teaching role that he filled for three years. He was a 50-year member of Stichter Lodge No. 254, F&AM, Pottstown. Following his retirement, he served as the Interim Minister of the Pennside Presbyterian Church in Mount Penn, Pennsylvania. For the past ten years, he was the summer pastor of the Advent Christian Church on Swan's Island, Maine, and he also preached at the Methodist Church on Swan's Island.

- **Clyde “Lefty” F. Umstead** - Class of 1938 - Clyde was the husband of Mary E. (Sands) Umstead. Born in Knauertown, PA, he was a son of the late Clay Umstead and the late Cora (Fries) Umstead. He attended Pierce Junior College. Clyde was the secretary treasurer for STV, Inc., formerly Sanders & Thomas for thirty-six years retiring in 1986. He served in the Navy during World War II. Clyde was a member of First United Methodist Church, Pottstown, Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks Club #814, Pottstown, and Stitcher Lodge #254.

- **Raymond Otis McAlpine Sr.** - Class of 1971 - He was predeceased by his parents, Oliver and Leola McAlpine; stepmother, Jean McAlpine; son, Cory McAlpine; and brother, Pastor Herbert L. McAlpine. He was born in Pottstown. An Army Veteran, Mr. McAlpine’s employment path included Ames Janitorial, Phillips Office Supplies and The Patriot News. His pastimes included watching movies, yard work, playing games on his tablet and avidly supporting the Washington Redskins.



- **John S. Gofus Jr.** - Class of 1973 – He was the husband of Terri Sue (Kerr) Gofus, with whom he shared 37 years of marriage. Born in Hampton, Va. (Langley Air Force Base), he was a son of Lena "Terry" Catanzaro Gofus and the late John S. Gofus, Sr. John received a bachelor's degree in business from Faulkner University. He joined the U.S. Air Force at the age of 17 and served from 1973, until his retirement as Tech Sergeant in 1993. He was a member of the German Club, the Quoit Club and the Manatawny Association in Pottstown. John enjoyed bowling, music, especially Motown, vacationing in Bethany Beach with his family, trips to Atlantic City, NJ, fishing trips with friends, watching his Eagles and Phillies, coaching P.A.L. soccer in earlier years and cooking. He was an accomplished saxophone player in high school and during his military career. Following his military retirement, John worked for the U.S. Postal Service as carrier, supervisor and most recently as Post Master of the Bechtelsville Post Office.



- **Gregory James Herb** - Class of 2011 - Greg was the son of Elnor “Noni” (Lang) Snyder and Ricky Herb and the step-son of Mark Snyder. He was a member of the marching band drumline. He was extremely family oriented, big hearted and sentimental. He loved all kind of music, the Philadelphia Eagles and Phillies. He was employed by Floors USA of King of Prussia, PA.

- **Sharon L. Schmidt** - Class of 1961 – She was the widow of Karl F. Schmidt. Born in Pottstown, she was a daughter of the late Lewis Laury and Mary (Krantz) Laury-Hallman. Sharon was a graduate of West Chester University with a teaching degree in music. She was a member of Atonement Lutheran Church-Wyomissing, where she was involved with the Children’s Choir as well as with Emmanuel Lutheran in Naples, Florida, where she was an associate member. Sharon taught for 31 years as a classroom music teacher and directed the band program and was involved in choir programs as a participant and director for the Exeter School District. She helped to initiate the Artist in Residence Program in Exeter Township School District. After retiring, she and her husband directed the Hand Bell Choir at Exeter High School.



- **Anthony Valentino Giangiacomo** - Class of 1938 - He was the husband of Mildred (Torak)



Giangiacomo with whom he shared 57 years of marriage. Born in Pottstown, PA, he was a son of the late John and Mary (Gabriele) Giangiacomo. In earlier years, he owned and operated the G & M Luncheonette in Pottstown and worked for Columbia Boiler Company. Tony was a self-made man and truly self-employed for most of his life. He loved to golf and was a member of Brookside Country Club and former member of Reading Country Club. He had a passion for poker. Not only playing, but he would organize and host tournaments for the benefit of many charities, most recent, Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation. Tony was a family man, one of his most cherished titles was

Pop Pop. He was especially proud of his children and grandchildren's accomplishments.



FALLEN TROJANS STAFF MEMBERS



- **Carol J. (Banks) Frick**, 74, was the wife of Ronald Frick with whom she shared 53 years of marriage. Carol was born on July 25, 1941 in Auburn, NE. She was a daughter of the late George Banks and Blanche (Kipling) Banks. Carol was a den mother for Cub Scouts, a troop leader for the Girl Scouts, a volunteer at the Pottstown School District, and loved the outdoors. She and her husband are members at Grace Lutheran Church.
- **Patricia A. (Duffy) Burton**, 87, of Pottstown, PA, died Sunday at Seasons Hospice Phoenixville. Born in Bridgeport, CT, she was a daughter of the late Francis and Florence (Hayden) Duffy. Ms. Burton was employed as an elementary school teacher with the Pottstown School District for 36 years, teaching at West End and Barth Schools. She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church. She had volunteered at PMMC and was a Nurse's Aide at the former Leader Home for 20 years.
- **Carol Ann (Walker) Bender**, 59, wife of Larry L. Bender of Stowe, was the daughter of the late George W. and Mary Jane (Byler) Walker. Carol Ann had worked in the cafeteria of Franklin School in the Pottstown School District for the past seven years. Carol Ann loved country music, especially Randy Travis. She had a great love for her German shepherd Macho Man.

ALUMNI

- ◆ **Danae Perrymond**, Class of 2012, was a senior member of the Gwynedd-Mercy women's lacrosse team. During the first four games of the season, she led her team with six goals and was a key member of the defense. Danae graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in radiologic technology. She is a registered radiologist and is pursuing a career in the medical field.



- ◆ **Richie Masciarelli**, Class of 2013, is attending Elizabethtown College and is a member of the baseball team. During the first 12 games of the season, he led the team with 21 scored runs and five stolen bases. Richie helped to lead his team to the Landmark Conference Championship.



- ◆ **Rashaad Lighty**, Class of 2012, is a graduate of Delaware Valley College with a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice. He was an outstanding member of the football team and is presently pursuing a career in counseling children at risk.



- ◆ **Milan White** – Class of 2012, graduated from Drexel University with a Bachelor of Science degree in hospitality management and a concentration in travel and tourism with a business administration minor. She was a four year varsity member of the women's lacrosse team. Upon graduation, she plans to travel throughout Europe and then return home to seek a position in the tourism industry.



ALUMNI Continued

- ◆ **Kasey Mock**, Class of 2010, was a starting defender for Syracuse University Women's Lacrosse team where she was a four-time All-Academic and earned Big East Honors from 2011-2013 and Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) accolades in 2014 after the Orange made the move prior to her final season. During her time at Syracuse, Mock was part of the 2013 Big East title team, appeared in the ACC title game in 2014 and was part of three NCAA Final Four teams. Following her senior season, Mock was named to the ACC All-Conference Second Team, the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches' Association (IWLCA) All-Northeast Region First Team and the IWLCA All-American Second Team. She accepted an assistant coaching job at George Washington University and then was drafted to play in the inaugural United Women's Lacrosse League (UWLX) on the roster of the Boston Storm.



- ◆ **Erica (Weekley) Batdorf**, Class of 2003, Assistant Borough Manager for Pottstown, attended her last Borough Council meeting Monday before she heads off to become West Vincent Township's manager. Click on the link below to see and hear her remarks as recorded by Mr. Evan Brandt. Our district and community have benefited from her leadership. Her words of wisdom give us all something to reflex on. She is another reason we can say, "Proud to be from Pottstown!"
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