

POTTSTOWN PRIDE

ACADEMICS AND ACTIVITIES
PARTNERS FOR EDUCATIONAL
EXCELLENCE



SPRING/SUMMER 2019

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



POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

POINTS OF PRIDE

SPRING-SUMMER 2019



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.pottstownschoools.org or call 610-323-6274.



Pottstown School District is proud of its past and confident of its future.

Go to <http://www.pottstownschoools.org/AlumniPages.aspx> and then click on any of the highlighted years. The yearbooks provide an engaging narrative into the proud history of Pottstown. One can go as far back as 1914 to see the interest and fashion of the day. Pottstown School District may be one of a few districts in the country to provide this unique feature as a way of sharing community pride in our schools. Pottstown High School has over 20,000 graduates who have gone on to distinguish themselves in every field of endeavor and given us reason to say *Proud to be from Pottstown*. It is an honor to share this look back to younger days with our graduates. We are not posting our most recent yearbooks because the High School still has some hard copies for sale. Not every yearbook is posted. The missing years are listed on the website. If anyone is willing to lend us one for scanning, please contact John Armato at 610-323-6271 / 484-256-7491 or jarmato@pottstownk12.org.

BASEBALL

<u>Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference</u> <u>First Team All-Division</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Daulton Mullen➤ Josiah Wiggins	<u>Name to The Mercury All Area</u> <u>Honorable Mention Team</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Daulton Mullen➤ Josiah Wiggins
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Congratulations to Pottstown High School Baseball players Josiah Wiggins and Jake Eagle, along with their coaches Geoff Thomas and Todd Endy, who were named to play and coach in the prestigious Carpenter Cup Event as members of the Chester County team. Trojan Proud to see their hard work paying off and proud to be from Pottstown!



Josiah Wiggins Invited To Baseball Showcase – PHS student athlete Josiah Wiggins was one of only 150 baseball players from the seven state Mid Atlantic Region invited to take part in a baseball showcase held at Villanova University. College and professional coaches from across the country were in attendance.



Baseball Seniors:



Jeremy Adams



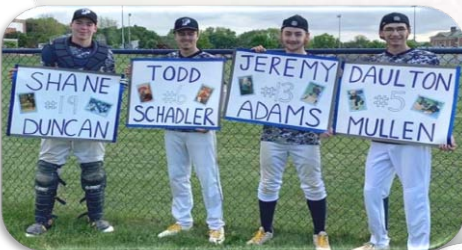
Shane Duncan



Daulton Mullen



Todd Schadler



SOFTBALL

Participation in co-curricular activities has long been a proving ground for developing lifelong character traits that can lead to success and happiness. Please read what one mother observed after our girls' softball game and you will know another reason we say Proud to be from Pottstown:

"Pottstown girls' softball got their first win tonight against Academy Park in Sharon Hill. While I was very proud of them and their 6-4 win, I was more proud of their compassion and kindness towards the other team. Tonight was Academy Park's senior night. (They honored our 3 seniors with flowers as well as their own seniors). Our girls were understandably excited about the win, yet they were curiously quiet after the game. When London came up to me after the game she said 'we are waiting to cheer until we get on the bus so that they don't feel bad, it would be rude.' Our team has not won a game this season... they have a relatively new and inexperienced team with only a few seasoned players. No one could have blamed them for cheering and being excited but instead, they had enough compassion and respect for the other team that they waited to celebrate so that Academy Park would not feel bad on their senior night. I'm proud of their win but I'm even more proud of their consideration and great sportsmanship. They sure are a class act. [#PottstownProud!](#)"

Named to The Mercury All Area Honorable Mention Team

- McKayla Hampton

Softball Seniors:

- London Aquino
- McKayla Hampton
- Mary Gery



GIRLS' LACROSSE

Playing with Trojan Pride helped to lift the Girls' Lacrosse team to a 9-8 victory over Quakertown. Da'zah Reguster scored 4 goals to go along with 3 from Destri Roye and 1 each from Kaleigh Martin and Christina Butler. Reilly Owens was strong in goal with 14 saves. Hard Work pays off!!!



Congratulations to **Da'zah Regusters** on scoring her 100th career goal in the Trojan Lacrosse Team's 10-7 victory over Upper Perkiomen. The total team effort included three goals by Kaleigh Martin,



two from Taylor Sundstrom, along with a goal and assist by Destri Roye. Reilly Owens turned in another strong game in goal with 17 saves.

Da'zah's hard work has also paid off in the classroom. She has been accepted to the University of the District of Columbia, where she will study Biology and play Lacrosse.

Congratulations to Da'zah Regusters for being named the winner of the 2019 Yogi Strom Scholarship. Da'zah was presented with a \$500 scholarship from the Pottstown Chapter of PIAA Basketball Official. She plans to study Biology and play Lacrosse at the University of the District of Columbia.



Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference First Team Frontier Division

- Reilly Owens
- Da'zah Regusters

Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference Second Team Frontier Division

- Maryam Belgrave
- Destri Roye

Named to The Mercury All Area Honorable Mention Team

- Reilly Owens
- Da'zah Regusters

Lacrosse Seniors:



Maryam
Belgrave



Ariana
Garcia



Abigail
Krause



Reilly
Owens



Da'zah
Regusters



Taylor
Sundstrom



BOYS' TENNIS

Named to The Mercury All Area Honorable Mention Team

- Brice Cole
- Robbie Fleming

Boys' Tennis Senior:



BOYS' and GIRLS' TRACK



Boys and Girls Track Seniors 2019

Trojan Proud of student athletes on our track team, they are finding their hard work pays off at weekend invitational meets. The Boys Track team traveled to Lower Merion to compete in the Lower Merion Invitational. Placing 5th in the 4 x 100 relay were GianKirk Kimmell, Jon Oister, Jahzeel Watson and Derrick Darden. Robert Burruss placed 3rd in the hurdles and qualified for districts. Tahkeim Lowe placed 3rd in the 300 hurdles. Jahzeel Watson placed 3rd in the high jump - qualified for districts and 4th in the triple jump. Mitchell Aquino placed 2nd in the pole vault. Jon Oister placed 4th in the javelin. Jesus Charriez captured 4th in the shot put. Gold medal performance went to Darius Smallwood who won the 800 meter run!



Trojan Proud of the student athletes and coaches of the Boys and Girls Track teams. With their 96.5-53.5 victory over Upper Perkiomen, the boys completed an undefeated sweep of the PAC Frontier Division with a 5-0 record.

- ★ Robert Burress earned a 1st place in the long jump, high hurdles and tied with teammate Jahzeel Watson for 1st in the high jump.
- ★ Demond Thompson won the intermediate hurdles and tied Watson in the 200 meter dash.
- ★ Darius Smallwood won both the 1,600 and 800 meter runs.
- ★ Jahzeel Watson also earned a 1st place in the triple jump.

On the girls' side, the Trojans came away with a 86-63 victory.

- ★ Amari Folly contributed 1st in the 300 and 100 hurdles along with a win in the javelin.
- ★ Naiasha Elliot-Moore was 1st in both discus and shot put.
- ★ Other 1st place honors were turned in by the 4X100 and 4X400 relay teams.
- ★ Zoe Earle high jump and Julianna Figureoa pole vault were top place winners.
- ★ First place efforts were also turned in by Aniya Hoskins, long jump, Hannah Shankle 1,600 meters and Bryonna Chimbinjain 100 meter dash.



Perkiomen Valley Invitational Results:

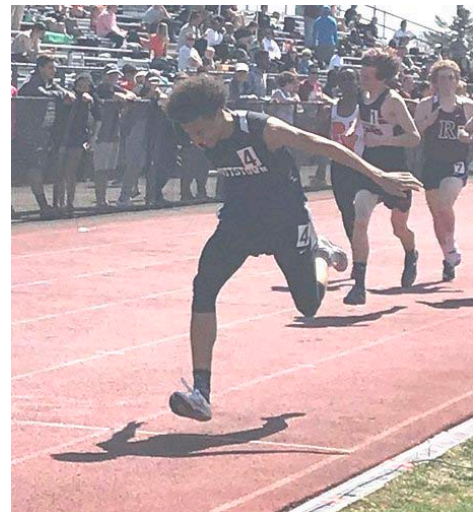
The girls' team:

- ★ 4x200 team of Kaylin Jarrett, Zoe Earle, Calista Daye, and Julianna Figueroa placed 2nd with a time of 1 minute and 55 seconds.
- ★ 4x100 team of Bryonna Chimbinja, Calista Daye, Zoe Earle, and Aniya Hoskins placed 3rd with a personal record of 51.44 seconds.
- ★ Julianna Figueroa tied the school record in the Pole Vault with a jump of 8 feet and placed in the girls' novice javelin throw.
- ★ Aniya Hoskins placed 5th in the 100-meter hurdles and had a personal best in the long jump of 13 feet 9 inches.
- ★ Ariel Hill had a personal best of 73 feet 6 inches in the discus throw.



The boys' team:

- ★ Darius Smallwood set a personal record and finished first in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:00.
- ★ Robert Burruss was 2nd in the high jump and 5th in the 110 hurdles.
- ★ The novice team of Braylon Tinson, Jahzeel Watson, Robert Burruss and Markeill Johnson placed 3rd in the 4 x 200 meter relay.
- ★ 4 x 400 relay team of Demond Thompson, Derek Darden, GianKirk Kimmell and Darius Smallwood ended a great day with fourth place medals.



Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference First Team Frontier Division

- Darius Smallwood
- Jahzeel Watson

Named to the Pioneer Athletic Conference Honorable Mention Team Frontier Division

- Mitchell Aquino
- Robert Burruss
- Dereck Darden
- Amari Folly
- GianKirk Kimmell
- Jonathan Oister

Named to The Mercury All Area Honorable Mention Team – Boys' Track

- Mitchell Aquino
- Robert Burruss
- Darius Smallwood
- Jahzeel Watson

Named to The Mercury All Area Second Team – Girls' Track

- Amari Folly

Named to The Mercury All Area Honorable Mention Team – Girls' Track

- Bryonna Chimbinja
- Calista Daye
- Zoe Earle
- Niaisha Elliot-Moore
- Julianna Figueroa
- Ariel Hill
- Aniya Hoskins
- Naomi Parson

PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE ALL ACADEMIC TEAM

- Baseball - David Hicks
- Lacrosse - Taylor Sundstrom
- Softball - Mary Gery
- Boys' Tennis - Kishan Patel
- Boys' Track - Darius Smallwood
- Girls' Track - Julianna Figueroa

PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CITIZEN ATHLETE AWARD

- Kennedy Cole - Softball

FOOTBALL

Congratulations to Destyn Snyder on his nomination for the 2019 Triangle Club of Montgomery County, Dannehower Scholarship Award. The award is considered one of the most prestigious acknowledgements of excellence in academics, athletics and citizenship in Montgomery County. Destyn is an outstanding representative of our school and community. He has distinguished himself in the classroom, on the athletic front as a three sport athlete (football, wrestling and track), as an award winning member of DECA, and as a citizen committed to improving our community. Destyn is a true leader by word and deed, who serves as a role model for his peers. He gives positive support to teammates and values the good of the whole above self. Destyn will be continuing his education at Ursinus College next year. He is proof that hard work does pay off. Thanks for giving us another reason to say Proud to be from Pottstown.



Congratulations Nehemiah Figueroa and Destyn Snyder on being selected to play in the PAC Football Annual Senior Bowl. Trojan Proud to see your hard work pay off and for giving us another reason to say "Proud to be from Pottstown."

Congratulations to Nehemiah Figueroa and Destyn Snyder for helping to lead team Freedom to a 21-20 victory over team Independence at the PAC Senior Bowl. Also Trojan Proud of underclassmen Josiah Wiggins, Jon Jon Oister, Ezra Figueroa, and Jorge Mundo for taking part in the underclassmen events at the game.



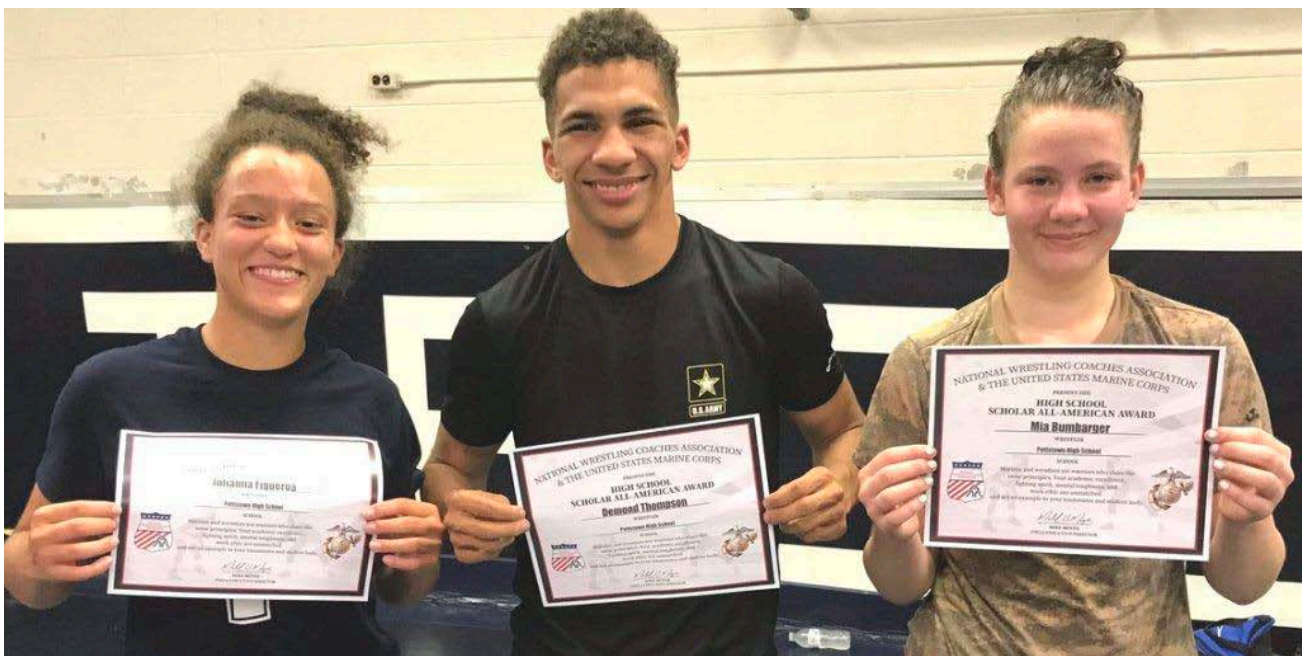
MUSIC

Trojan Proud of Pottstown High School Jazz Band members David Hicks and Chloe Hebert for their Outstanding Soloist awards at the 1st Annual Doc Mulligan Get JazzEd Festival held at Reading Area Community College Miller Center Auditorium. The band competed against 7 area schools including: Governor Mifflin, The Hill School, Reading, Tulpehocken, Manheim Township and Wilson West Lawn. As always the Jazz Band gave us reason to say Proud to be from Pottstown.



WRESTLING

Trojan Proud of high school wrestlers Mia Bumbarger, Julianna Figueroa, and Demond Thompson whose hard work both on the mat and in the classroom has paid off. The three were named to the National Coaches & Marine Corps Scholar All American Team. Academics plus athletics equals excellence.



POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT - 2018-2019 FOURTH MARKING PERIOD HONOR ROLL

Barth Elementary School - Grade 3

Alexander	Bernal-Bracamonte
Valeria	Betancur Hernandez
Giavonna	Carpenter
Nicole	Castillo
Madalynn	Clark
Mason	Dana
Kevin	Demastrie
Dahlia	Dowling
Amirah	Ellis
Felicia	Fry
Isabella	Fuentes
Stephon	Fuller
Julian	Giraud
Aaliyah	Goodrich
Jacob	Green
Alexander	Guzman
Kaydence	Hakim
Morgan	Hine
Kemyr	Isaac
Chloe	Johnson
Miles	Johnson
Nate	Johnson
Kamryn	King
Aubree	Kline
Selma	Mohamed
Collin	Moyer
Bentley	Norman
Jacob	Pearson
Maliya	Perez
Logan	Pouchan
Griffin	Rivera
Malachi	Robbins
Jovon	Smith-Hall
Eli	Soto
Damien	Stonestreet
Aiden	Watkins
Alanna	Yancy

Barth Elementary School - Grade 4

Imani	Brown
Neiada	Carter
Edgar	Castillo
Samantha	Fioravanti
Gabriella	Geffard
Aiden	Greene
Gaia	Hallahan
Yaileen	Irizarry
Kaylee	Jensen-Wiedinmyer
Ezai	Jones
Sara	Mohamed
Kelsey	O'Connor
Kymerra	Parks
Dionte	Phillips-Burrell
Collin	Prendergast
Rooney	Salazar Villanueva
Draven	Sands
Carmelo	Soto
Evan	Stauffer
Jesse	Warden
Crystal	Williams
Serenity	Wimbley
Ayden	Yantz

Franklin Elementary School - Grade 3

Michael	Briggs
Maxwell	Daily
Myson	Dalton
Bailey	Galamba
Gary	Granese
Lillian	Green
Levi	Jaycox
Eli	Kancianic
Samuel	Kumpf
Isabella	Moore
Diamond	Rivera
Olivia	Rodriguez
Caydin	Romain
James	Shifflette
McKenna	Stanford
Talia	Stover
Darriss	Tinson
Cullen	Waite
Zachary	Waters
Owen	Yocom

Franklin Elementary School - Grade 4

Dimitrus	Alston
Ryan	Amole
Jayden	Bell
Ty	Bradley
Aaliyah	Bramwell
Essence	Brown
Santiago	Castillo
Parker	Clemison
Patrick	Clemons
Riley	Ditty
Shavaeh	Dixon
Rickiyah	Fontaine
Cayden	Gofus
Trinity	Hall
Benjamin	Hammer
George	Heller
Kyeson	Hernandez
Addison	Lafferty
Tierra	Lawrence
Maya	Lilick
Sire	Lynch
Riley	Maguire
Olivia	McCauley
Damian	Mercado
Jocelyn	Mercado
Jessa	Miller
Isabella	Murray
Savanna	Nagel
Kayla	Negrete-Fonseca
Zegan	Pittman-Bookard
Ashlyn	Pulinka
Angelina	Quiles
Benjamin	Ramos
Abigayle	Santiago
Boden	Waite
Maisie	Waite
Janiya	Warren
Makai	Wright
Aiden	Zaborsky

POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT - 2018-2019 FOURTH MARKING PERIOD HONOR ROLL

Lincoln Elementary School - Grade 3

John	Andrews
Savana	Bauman
Nathaniel	Eck
Autumn	Fair
Carmelo	Harper
Naijah	Hill
Cheyenne	Hoffman
Kassidy	Jackson
Jibril	Jatta
Rahmere	Jenkins
Iyanna	Johnson
Leyna	Johnson
Jaylen	Lamarre
Joell	Lamarre
Ayden	Olvera
Torria	Orfield
Ye'Shaya	Reber
Sadinette	Rivera Oliveras
Jason	Rivera
La'Ticea	Rodriguez
Royer	Rodriguez
Zacarias	Rodriguez
William	Rose
Astrid	Schreur
Ana	Vasquez-Hernandez
Marcus	Williams
Lucy	Zuniga

Lincoln Elementary School - Grade 4

Sebastian	Bray
Ariyana	Carr
Zealean	Cortes
Gianni	Cotto-Vasquez
Alicia	Cranford
Ashton	Felix
Cheyenne	Flamer
Isabella	Flores
Kobe	Lewis-Lesher
Tristin	Neumann
Christian	Sheeran
Raya	Taylor
Ezra	Tribble
Ivan	Ubaldo
Sione	Worrell-Tilghman
Janiyah	Wright

Rupert Elementary School - Grade 3

Jazelle	Battle
Meleena	Bisram
Leland	Burke
Ayrianna	Daniels
Analeysiah	Davis-Cruz
Chase	Drost
Jacob	DuVal
Maya	Elgendy
Erynn	Ford
Gabriel	Hampton
Sophia	Hendrickson
Promise	Johnson
Ezra	King
Ava	Laws
Brianna	Long
King	Lucky
Jaelynn	McCray
Micah	Parker
Casey	Perry
Catherine	Pineda-Penate
Makaila	Plummer
Zyaira	Robbins
Anthony	Rosa
Bradley	Saylor
Avaliyah	Scurry
Silas	Singer
Semaj	Smith
Nyanna	Thompson
Olivia	Williams

Rupert Elementary School - Grade 4

MaryJane	Adams
Emma	Allan
Alyssa	Broughton
Brianna	Bui
Wyatt	Dieter
Trevor	Ford
Imanol	Gonzalez
Bryan	Guerrier
Sarah	Heater
Jacob	Heller
Diamond	Henderson
John	Hill
Rayelle	Hill
Raynah	Hill
Brooke	Laise
Jesus	Maldonado
Madison	Mest
Jaeden	Mills
Mia	Moncada
Jude	Mull
Peyton	Nyman
Oliver	Pineda-Penate
Jeremyah	Piraino
Sean	Robbins
David	Sanders
Alejandro	Suber
Mia	Torres
Derrick	Wagner
Colin	White
David	Wilson
Floyd	Young
Carolyn	Young-Johnson

POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT - 2018-2019 FOURTH MARKING PERIOD HONOR ROLL

PMS - Grade 5 Distinguished Honors

Leah	Blackwell
Alivia	Boyer
Zyla	Burke
Jade	Caballero-Vega
Mauricio	Calle-Castillo
Annasophia	Chhern
Asher	Delaporte
Isabella	DeLuca
Austin	Derstine
Saniyah	Fox
Damion	Fry
Lily	Garber
Luke	Grice
Gaige	Harsh
Isaiah	Harvey
Madeleine	Heidel
Jayanna	Hill
Rachel	Kauffman
Kendyll	King
Ana	Maldonado-Lucas
Megan	McGinn
Serenity	Meade-Brown
Johnny	Medina
Shazia	Mendez
Albert	Neysmith
Justina	Nhim
William	Pan
Carice	Peart
Isiah	Perez
Colin	Plank
Ana	Salazar Lopez
Natalie	Shope
Rowan	Stauffer
Anthony	Suber
Kanijah	Turlington
Ethan	Ung
Bryan	Villagomez
Emely	Villegas
Ariana	Wilson

PMS - Grade 6 Distinguished Honors

Cheynin	Boyer
Daniela	Castillo
Olivia	Chin
Evan	Draucker
Naden	Elgendy
Allyson	Ford
Lili	Freese
Jacob	Givens
Taylor	Maguire
Miranda	Pineda
Aimee	White

PMS - Grade 7 Distinguished Honors

Elizabeth	Adedeji
Layla	Bearden
Tyler	Broughton
Emily	Castillo
Isabelle	DiCampello
Dominic	DiPietro
Danica	Donhauser
Regina	Fleming
Makenna	Franey
Jade	Garber
Anthony	Kutsch
Sarish	Mendez Rivera
Najae	Perez
Savannah	Richards
Devon	Smith
Austin	Sundstrom
Helena	Swiderski
Nathan	Tidball
Chloe	Weiss

PMS - Grade 8 Distinguished Honors

Leilani	Alberto
John	Cipollini
Kyle	Corbin
James	Daily
Margaret	DiPietro
Abigail	Eagle
Abdel	Elgendy
Ariana	Gilmore
Keishla	Gonzalez-Galarza
Devon	Green
Faith	Hammer
Jared	Hewitt
Aaron	Laws
William	Levey
Ty'Jaye	Manning
Mollie	Marcheskie
Jordan	Mest
Avery	Shope
Leah	Smith
Stephanie	Taylor
London	Trout
Leigha	Walton
Brianna	Williams

POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT - 2018-2019 FOURTH MARKING PERIOD HONOR ROLL

PMS - Grade 5 Honors

Ava	Alessi
Jacob	Alessi
Christiana	Allen
Aileen	Alvarenga
Nora	Ammouri
Marcus	Andrews
Anilyse	Arey
Olivia	Ash
Christina	Baggett
Matthew	Berry
Nicho	Boyer
Lucy	Carberry
Anissa	Castleberry
Leslie	Chavez Cruz
Patience	Cole
Mairelys	Concepcion
Hugo	Costa
Naizar	Eckenrode
Wesam	Elgendy
Iyonna	Elliott
Janylah	Etienne
Lily	Felix
Arianna	Gatlin
Jeyohnna	Gibson
Aiden	Gonzalez
Troy	Gross
Austin	Hampton
Chase	Harrington
Erika	Heller
Kody	Hoffman
Savante	Johnson
Lauryn	Kutsch
Josiah	Lamar
Amelia	Lepage
Sarah	Linsinbigler
Savannah	Llewellyn
Mahiyah	Lyde
Michael	Magargal
Veronica	Majors
Amya	Mayes
Joseph	McKelvey
Haley	Medina
Omar'ia	Miller
Jazzlyn	Miller-Tribble
Michael	Moore

PMS - Grade 5 Honors continued

Maribel	Ortiz
Nevaeh	Peaco
Kasir	Perkins
Mikayla	Perkins
Sajadah	Pew-Phillips
Jocelyn	Prather
Aniya	Quill-Watkins
Mia	Ramirez
Zaila	Redden
Adriana	Reyes-Jones
Ciara	Rios
Johan	Rivera
Kamrin	Robinson
Corry	Russell
Trinity	Santiago
Brighton	Scott
Mohammed	Selmi
Sarabeth	Shifflette
Garrett	Shope
Mason	Sims
Giana	Snowden
Ricardo	Solis
Logan	Stanford
Christopher	Stefanavage
Kyree	Stillman
Olivia	Stitt
Mackenzie	Strobel
Allyana	Sykes
Nevaeh	Tanner
Arman	Thorpe
Arian	Tinson
Shawn	Trabucco
Aiden	Weiss
Cianne	Wells
Donovan	Williams
Desiyah	Wilson
Ikeem	Wolloh
Isabella	Wright
Anaya	Young

PMS - Grade 6 Honors

Diego	Aguilera
Patrick	Auman
Madison	Beard
McKenzie	Bowers
Ebony	Brown
Troy	Burrier
Angel	Chavous
Jareth	Clark
Ethan	Collins
Angeline	Costa
Aniyah	Crump
Elijah	Cyrus
Lunna	Davila
Connor	Egleston
Juan	Ferreira
Imani	Galloway
Alyssa	Gibbs
Crystal	Gonzalez Guardado
Kylee	Grossmiller
Arion	Hill
Imani	Jeter
Aiden	Kancianic
Quinn	Logan
Terelle	Lowery
Seth	Luther
JaVonna	Mack
Gianni	Mahario
Raheemah	Manning
Kai	O'Brien
Janette	Penate
Daniel	Pittman
Justin	Rivera Posas
Joel	Rubincam
Demri	Ruyak
Layonna	Screatching
Madelynn	Thomas
Nyel	Thompson
Chase	Thornton
Emma	Tidball
Aniyah	Wells
Savion	Williams
Chase	Winston
Olivia	Woodley

POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT - 2018-2019 FOURTH MARKING PERIOD HONOR ROLL

PMS - Grade 7 Honors

Jules	Bartlett
Zhon	Bell
Peyton	Benfield
Nahzier	Booker
Mya	Borrell
Michael	Calano
Megan	Cannell
Angelina	Chhern
Anye	Crawford
Kalyn	Ely
Brittany	Endy
Christopher	Fuentes
Julissa	Gandaria Miguel
Amber	Heater
Daisy	Hilbert
Mehki	Jenkins Glover
Claire	McCord
Baylee	Mclean
Christian	Morales
Tara	Morgan
Taelin	Neumann
Myia	Olson
Ashley	Ormston
Gabriela	Pagan
Alyssa	Pearson
Nevaeh	Pernell
Quinn	Perry
Jayden	Pray
Katerine	Reina
Phoenix	Rhoads
Sophia	Russo
Jesse	Ryder
Makayla	Smith
Rodrigo	Solis
Pieter	Ung
Ashley	Weller
Ethan	Yost
Jayla	Zipay

PMS - Grade 8 Honors

Sabrina	Albert
Gary	Allan
Kaela	Auman
Alexis	Beckett
Justin	Castillo
Anaeja	Charles
Christopher	Chhern
Ethan	Chin
James	Cilio
Bryanna	Clear
Katelyn	Clear
Hannah Jane	Daniels
Brielle	Davis
D'Asiah	Davis
Nicole	Daye
Daishawnia	Dean
Mikayla	DeLuca
Vanessa	Eddy
Mark	Ellison
Henry	Fetterman
Lilian	Fetterman
Imani	Germany-Bird
Alana	Hayward
Gabriel	Hicks
Tamya	Jarrett
David	Mackewicz III
Jocelyn	Malauulu
Khamya	Mayo
Mason	Miller
Kiera	Moyer
Joey	Reid
Anas	Selmi
Cory	Spence
Ashiyana	Thorn
Jordan	Wabish
Serin	Warneke
David	Wean
Ceaira	Worrell-Tilghman

PHS - Grade 9 Distinguished Honors

Courtney	Bratten
Madeline	Bruton
Madison	Carberry
Ramya	Carpenter
Michelle	Castillo
Jimi	Chavalaporn
Kennedy	Cole
Sierra	Coleman
Darron	Daniels
Anthony	DiPietro
Erynn	Dunning
Nada	Elgendy
Evelyn	Estes
Kylie	Farmer
Angelica	Feliciano Torres
Xzavier	Francis Williams
Daejenique	Garcia
Rylie	Gasper
Hailey	Gerrish
Makenzie	Grepps
Beatriz	Guardado
Tyler	Harper
Maria	Jimenez
Cheyenne	Lee
Michael	Lilick
Jared	Long
Angelina	Ludy
Sara	Mahraoui
Kaleigh	Martin
Ja'Zell	Meade
Mackenzie	Moser
Jacob	Moser
Tryniti	Mott Lewis
Faith	Nichols
Allison	Ormston
Anthony	Pinos
Cesai	Ramos
Jesseny	Redrovan
Jessica	Rivera
Rafi	Sanchez
Amayah	Scurry
Savannah	Sluzenski Minnick
Deanna	Stefanavage
Ariana	Torres
Lacie	Townsend

POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT - 2018-2019 FOURTH MARKING PERIOD HONOR ROLL

PHS – Grade 9 Distinguished Honors
continued

Shanelle	Waller
Noel	Wallner
Alexis	Watkins
Trinell	Watson
Jayniana	Williams
Daniel	Williams
Brionna	Williams
Joshua	Wilson

PHS - Grade 10 Distinguished Honors

Christian	Albert
Adriana	Araujo
Iyesha	Belgrave
Kylie	Boughter
Heaven	Charriez
Haile	Clayton
Christian	Coale
Keanna	Colon
Aiden	Crowder
Vincenzo	DeLeo
Kristin	DiPietro
Kaelyn	Draucker
Isabelle	Dupon
Zoe	Earle
Julianna	Figueroa
Logan	Franey
Bayron	Garcia-Ambrocio
Sharon	Gatheca
Anyae	Germany
Naiellie	Gonzalez
Haley	Haas
CyeNyla	Hall
Nathan	Harper
Aryanna	Hernandez
Carson	Hewitt
Cynae	Hills
Jack	Hipple
Allison	Horne
Aleisha	Irizarry
Kaylin	Jarrett
Alexa	King
Isaiah	Lamar
Matthew	Leshner
Samantha	Levey
Anthony	Lowe

PHS – Grade 10 Distinguished Honors
continued

Diego	Magana Jaime
Cristine	Martinez
Mekaya	Mauras-Harmon
Dylan	Maximenko
Emily	McColum
Joseph	Misko
Dominic	Mott Gould
Dylan	Murphy
Naomi	Parson
Kishan	Patel
Deayana	Perry
Leana	Playfair
Pearce	Raegler
Robert	Raegler
Alaina	Richter
Hadaysha	Rivera
Olivia	Scholl
Johnisha	Scott
Salah	Selmi
Ashley	Selner
Darius	Smallwood
Natacha	Soto
Austin	Spence
Darien	Stackhouse
Lillian	Stirk
Raine	Thomas
Jaleinda	Thompson
Michelle	Villagomez
Omar	Villagomez
Jazlynn	Watson
Austin	Weller
Niana	White
Trinity	Wiley
Hannah	Wilson
Harmony	Wood

PHS - Grade 11 Distinguished Honors

Deborah	Adedeji
Grace	Bainbridge
Ka Wanza	Barksdale Hodges
Zachary	Beekley
Aaliyah	Bray
Tyler	Bruton
Sebastian	Buchanan
Angelica	Calel
Jessica	Calle-Castillo
Shelby	Clayton
Nayeli	Cruz
Cheyenne	Cwynar
Jade	Dailey
Dereck	Darden
Zachery	Dry
Jacob	Eagle
Jacob	Eames
Sierra	Everett
Amari	Folly
Brandon	Gebhard
Andrew	Green
Lamoni	Green
Adriana	Hayward
Chloe	Hebert
Aaron	Hester
David	Hicks
Ariel	Hill
Kaya	Horton
Sybriya	Jenkins
Jalisa	Johnson
Paige	Jones
Shyanne	Keys
Devyn	Lopez
Riley	Mead
Darion	Miller
Jorge	Mundo
Allison	Nicolas Hernandez
Jonathan	Oister
Alexandria	Olvera
Abigail	Parson
Noah	Patten
Mariana	Pearson
Brenna	Pritchard
Crystal	Rivera
Megan	Robie

POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT - 2018-2019 FOURTH MARKING PERIOD HONOR ROLL

PHS – Grade 11 Distinguished Honors

continued

Arianna	Rumley
Anthony	Russo
Logan	Ruyak
Abida	Sade
Tanner	Scott
Hailey	Selner
Taylor	Smith
John	Stilwell
Ryan	Sweeney
Demond	Thompson
Cilicia	Thorpe
Marisa	Walker
Emily	Weber
Winni	Weng
Sensair	Wesley
Cianni	Williams
Emme	Wolfel

PHS - Grade 12 Distinguished Honors

Alec	Alberto
Asgar	Ali
Subrina	Ali
Yadiel	Amezquita
London	Aquino
Karla	Araujo
Elijah	Barnes
Joshua	Beasley Turner
Maryam	Belgrave
Natalee	Brugger
Elsie	Cannell
Genesis	Charriez
Stephanie	Core
Johnay	Cranford
Rebecca	Daily
Floyd	Dashiell
Jailyn	Davis
Jenna	Dunlap
Allyson	Dunn
Amanda	Endy
Elijah	Finnegan
John	Fisher
Mary	Gery
Christian	Gray
Jennifer	Hainsey
CyeTaj	Hall

PHS – Grade 12 Distinguished Honors

continued

Rebecca	Harper
Emily	Hart
Keirsten	Hickey
Jayla	Holloway
Zyera	Howard
Daphka	Isaac
Abigail	Krause
Sabrina	Lias
Perry	Mayes
Virginia	McCoySwinehart
Caitlin	McLaughlin
William	Minnick
Dennis	Morales
Madison	Nagle
Geraldine	Nicolas Hernandez
Ervin	Ortiz
Reilly	Owens
Surah	Randolph
Dazah	Regusters
Kobe	Reinert
Milani	Roberson
Christian	Rodriguez
Julianna	Roseo
Johnesha	Salata
Sophia	Sargunam
Todd	Schadler
Hannah	Shankle
Destyn	Snyder
Carrie	Stauffer
Tori	Steger
Dylan	Thorne
Christina	Vasquez
Abigail	Welder
Olivia	White
Daveon	Williams

PHS - Grade 9 Honors

Amber	Adamski
Mohammad	Al-Muhtaseb
Tajera	Bass
Noah	Bolman
Topanga	Brooks
Natalia	Brown
Joel	Coccie
Zahirah	Corbitt
Michael	Cruz
Calista	Daye
Joseph	DeLeo
Colin	Dellaquila
Molly	Delphin
Krystal	Dixon
Jena	Epright
Justyna	Epright
Christopher	Fleming
Leilani	Garcia
Jonah	Grice
Darren	Groff
Jaida	Harris
JoLaila	Lamarre
Breanna	Logan
Shanti	Maldonado-Gonzalez
Aaron	Mayes
Angelina	Melle
Mohamed	Mohamed
Annabelle	Poston
Tristan	Repko
Jaylin	Reynolds
Cajmeir	Robinson
Enam	Robinson
Bryan	Rodriguez Torres
James	Ryder
Qeyanni	Shawell
Gage	Sibilly
Skylar	Smith
Desmond	Suber
Paige	Taylor
Dasia	Thornton-Bey
Destiny	Torres
Sydney	Wilkerson
Nerissa	Yost

POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT - 2018-2019 FOURTH MARKING PERIOD HONOR ROLL

PHS - Grade 10 Honors

Christiana	Albert
Kayla	Brothers
Joren	Bullock
Kaile	Butterfield
NiYell	Clifford
Corey	Cottman
Abel	Cruz
Ciera	Cwynar
Samantha	Deery
Matthew	Deppen
Tristen	Dierolf
Natalie	Fichthorn
Kamrin	Gatlin
Rebecca	Greghini
Seth	Howard
Jabrea	Jackson
Giovanni	Manley
Alicia	Moser
Jamaal	Pratt
Caleb	Quiles
Gabriela	Reyes
Kyleaf	Robinson-July
Destri	Roye
Zachary	Sands
Isabel	Sharp
Deja	Slocum
Eric	Thornton
Imir	Toney
John	Toussaint
Jahzeel	Watson
Kevin	Zvodar

PHS - Grade 11 Honors

Dezmyre	Aiken
Bryonna	Chimbinja
Brooklyn	Colegrove
Melissa	Coleman
Tionne	Day
Niaisha	Elliott-Moore
Tyler	Escobar
Lila	Gerrish
Veronica	Gomez
Autumn	Graham
Destinie	Harris
Aniya	Hoskins
Lola	Johnson
Marissa	Johnson Mauras
Yamane	Lavender
Lillanie	Lighty
Britney	Macomber
Kayla	Marcelli
Caitlin	Mattingly
Cole	Miller
Onjelay	Nixon
Thanea	Redrovan
Norberto	Reyes
Robert	Richards
Makayla	Rothenberger
Abina	Sade
Avian	Scurry
Talia	Shirey
Jermaine	Swindell
Jonathan	Velez
Evan	Wanish
Josiah	Wiggins

PHS - Grade 12 Honors

Megan	Acuna
Rebecca	Acuna
Jeremy	Adams
Jalyss	Agosto
Lakesha	Arrington
Dominic	Brand
Jiamir	Canty Rico
Nathanial	Coleman
Aaric	Daroci
Alea	Davenport
Jamir	Davis
Giuliano	DeLeo
Kayla	Erb
Camden	Germany
Myrical	Giddens
Eduardo	Govea
Lamar	Green
McKayla	Hampton
Wynter	Harris
Jaheim	Harris
Daviel	Hipple
Justin	Johnson
Amya	Kellman
Christopher	Lee
Sydni	Leonard
LeStorm	Little
Aubrey	Miller
Julia	Morton
Jayana	Moses
Destiny	Moyer
Isaiah	Oberg
Xlyana	Smith
Najah	Thomas
Anton	Torres
Nathan	Wilson
Luis	Wunderlich

STAFF

In Our Schools: Ginger Angelo-DeRenzo

Sixth grade math and science teacher at Pottstown Middle School
In Our Schools is a weekly feature spotlighting teachers and administrators
educating students in Berks and Tri-County schools.

I grew up in: Boyertown

Family: Husband, Gary; children, Alee, Nick, Joe and Ryan.

Education: Boyertown High School; West Chester University, bachelor's in education; Walden University, master's in education.

How I spend my free time: Gardening, running, spin class, spending time with family and friends, spending time at the beach, traveling, Sunday night dinners at my parents.



Teacher who inspired me: Mr. Doug Deysher, my middle school lacrosse coach, inspired me because he saw my potential when I did not. He was demanding, loud and not satisfied with mediocrity. His expectations made me work hard and persevere. Ironically, I have incorporated many of those same expectations with my students. They may not respond immediately, but I continue to challenge them and guide them to be the best versions of themselves. Just as Mr. Deysher did for me.

As a math and science teacher, the lesson I enjoy teaching most is: The lesson I enjoy teaching the most with my students is about soil. We learn about the components of each soil horizon. To get a better understanding of the importance of decomposers in the A horizon, we set up a worm farm in our classroom. We use scraps from the cafeteria to feed the worms and watch them create rich fertile soil. We use the topsoil the worms create to plant seeds in the spring. Those plants are then transplanted into the science courtyard.

Funniest classroom moment: Every year as a culmination to our Environmental Science Club, we take 35-45 students camping for two nights and three days. Numerous events happen here that are comical as well as rewarding. Humorous events include:

1. Watching students attempt to roll their sleeping bags at the end of our stay and stuff them back into the bags they came in. Students can be observed dragging their unrolled bags up the hill and dropping random clothing behind them.
2. Telling students they must take a shower and getting a response, "I already took one this week."
3. Telling students there are sassafras trees in the woods and they thought you said Sasquatch lived in the woods.

If I weren't an educator, I'd be: I would own my own flower shop. I have always had a passion for flowers and would like to share with others the same joy they bring me.

You might not know: I delivered mail. My father worked as a rural mail carrier and my brothers and I had the privilege of working for him on nights and weekends transporting and delivering mail when we were in high school and college. There were many laughs and even tears about the dents and scratches that appeared on my dad's truck. It takes great skill to steer from the passenger side of the truck, get close enough to the mailbox to open it and deposit the mail without hitting anything or getting hit by anything else.

Congratulations to high school teacher [Mr. Dave Woodley](#) on being featured in the Reading Eagle's In Our School page. Dave is a homegrown PHS grad who spends many hours in and out of school giving back to the community and making a difference in the lives of many by supporting a number of worthy causes including cancer research.

As mentor/sponsor of the Trojan Man Club, he is the acknowledged leader of the Trojan Nation.

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

Family: Father, Paul; mother, Diane.

Education: Pottstown High School, Montgomery County Community College and East Stroudsburg University.

How I spend my free time: Working out, running, winning escape rooms, sporting events, traveling, video games and reading.



Teacher who inspired me: Mr. Drew Dangler and Mr. Jeff Delaney.

Funniest classroom moment: Whenever my voice cracks in the middle of class like I am a teenager all over again, and it happens daily!

If I weren't an educator, I'd be: A non-profit worker. I enjoy working with many different charities, from St. Jude to Mascots for a Cure and Connor's Cure, so I would probably do something with nonprofit cancer research if I wasn't in a classroom.

Explain the Trojan Man mascot program: The Trojan Man program is essentially a mentor program, where the students also perform as Trojan Man at different school, sporting and community events. There are 22 students who were hand-selected to be a part of the program based on their academics, behavior and outgoing personalities. Along with being Trojan Man, the students also participate in fundraising activities throughout the year, including our annual toy drive for local organizations and our work with Mascots for a Cure, which works to raise funds and awareness for childhood cancer. The most rewarding part of this program is seeing the growth in each of them as individuals outside of the suit. Many of the students are with me in the program for four years, and you can see the growth in their mindset and leadership abilities over the course of the high school career. It is a good feeling when you can see that you made a difference in their lives the same way they made a difference in yours. Together, we are making the world a better place — one Trojan Man at a time!

You might not know: I played the drums in high school, and in my senior year, we won the "Best Drumline" award at Boyertown (cavalcade) when no one expected it.

The [2019 PHS Troiad yearbook dedication](#) honors an outstanding classroom educator, coach, mentor and person, Mr. Andy Bachman.



Mr. Andrew Bachman grew up in Northeast Philadelphia and now lives in Upper Salford Township with his wife, Tina and their two sons, Ryan, 14, and Riley, 11. His education began at Rhawnhurst School in Philadelphia, where he later moved into Our Saviour Christian School for 7th and 8th grade. He then went to Northeast High School also in Philadelphia. After graduation Mr. Bachman attended Millersville University where he received his Bachelor's degree in Mathematics. He then earned his Master's in Education at Gratz College. As a young boy, Andy played soccer and basketball as well as being involved in Boy Scouts. Growing up, Andy and his family would take vacations to different camp grounds in various states along the East Coast. They spent a lot of time camping around Lancaster and near Millersville. They spent a week each year in Cherrystone Campground on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, fishing and crabbing. In high school he wrestled for Northeast HS and continued wrestling at Millersville University. He was also a goalie for the Men's Intramural Lacrosse Team. Later, Andy trained in various martial arts including SOMBO, Judo, Taekwondo, and Krav Maga. He also enjoyed rappelling at Chickies Rock in Lancaster

County. This training led to opportunities to travel to Caracas, Venezuela and compete against the Soviet Union, Bulgaria, Mongolia, Israel, Japan, China and Britain. Andy has been involved with the Boy Scouts not only as a young boy but also with his two sons where he served as Den Leader and Cubmaster and currently a Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 16.

Mr. Bachman has mentored many young athletes having been a SOMBO instructor, Judo instructor at the Pottstown Judo Club as well as a coach of PMS Wrestling, PHS Varsity Field Hockey Coach and Varsity Girl's Lacrosse Coach. In 2000, he was also named ESPN Coach of the Week for Pottstown High, Girl's Lacrosse.

Mr. Bachman wanted to be a teacher because he had a knack for explaining a concept in a way that was unique from how others would explain it. He chose to be a math teacher because he liked math, specifically geometry. He started his teaching career at Simon Gratz High School in Philadelphia. While teaching at Simon Gratz, Pottstown School District Superintendent Dr. Frank Heifer was at Simon Gratz to observe the program that Mr. Bachman was teaching. He and Dr. Heifer began talking and eventually realized that they both had a love of Martial Arts. Dr. Heifer happened to be the founder of the Pottstown Judo Club. He asked Mr. Bachman if he wanted to come to work in Pottstown. He DID come for an interview and was hired to teach math at the High School.

Mr. Bachman was named Teacher of the Year for the Pottstown School District and became a runner up for the Pennsylvania Teacher of the year. Later in his career he left the classroom to become a teacher mentor and instructional coach helping teachers find and implement ways of improving instruction. He later returned to the classroom teaching Math and has since transitioned to the Engineering Teacher of a program he has built from the ground up. He has helped numerous students navigate the post-secondary process both as a coach sending films and contacting colleges as well as a CTE teacher helping students get internships and jobs at Exelon as well as other places.

Most recently, Mr. Bachman helped Shane Duncan and Asgar Ali earn a DOW scholarship so they could travel to Ecuador. They arrived in Quito, the capitol city of Ecuador and spent the day touring the city. The following day they made the 8 hour journey into the Amazon to the village where they helped build a kitchen for the village school. In the upcoming school year, he has helped two more students earn another scholarship and will be traveling with them to Kenya Africa on his next humanitarian adventure.



Former Pottstown Superintendent Dr. Ray E. Feick showed he still has the strength that helped him hold the position of Superintendent for 21 years. He competed in the USA Track and Field Masters Championships, where he placed 1st in the shot put, 12 pound weight throw and the 25 pound weight throw. In January he was named the USA Track and Field Mid-Atlantic Masters Male Athlete of the Year. At the age of 87 he is still flexing his muscles and proving hard work pays off. Trojan Proud!

Pottstown School Board member Raymond Rose decided to run in the Garden Spot Half Marathon and he had his son Will by his side the entire 12.1 miles. Their personal best time of 2:35 earned them a Road Apple Award at the finish line.



Pottstown activist Laura Johnson spoke for Pottstown and told legislators, "It's time to make clear that children in districts like Pottstown are every bit as deserving of a great education as their peers across the state."

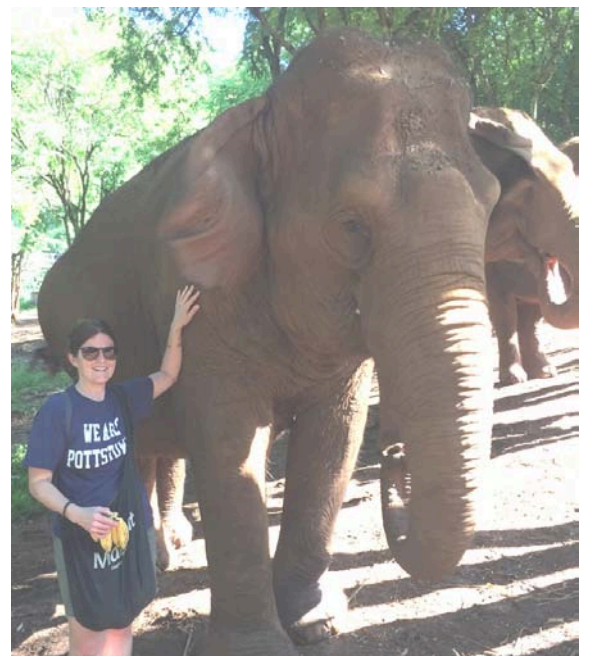
[Read the whole story.](#)



Over 150 Pottstown citizens joined with over a 1,000 people from across the state to tell state legislators the time to fairly and equitably fund public education is NOW. Trojan Proud of the Pottstown group which included members of all ages, races, cultures, faiths, organizations, and members of school board and borough council.

Read Mr. Evan Brandt's [Digital Notebook Blog](#) to see and hear how the people of Pottstown are standing together for our children;

Trojan proud of Franklin Elementary autistic support teacher, Tamara Gundersen, who just returned from a three day animal rescue mission in northern Thailand. Working at a park for elephants that have been saved from riding camps and illegal logging companies, she helped to care for their health and feeding. Tamara also spent time walking some of the over 550 dogs at the park that have been rescued from being sold for meat in China and Vietnam. Tamara, thanks for making a difference and showing your Pottstown pride!



HIGH SCHOOL

Pottstown High School students Andrew Green, Kishan Patel, and Madison Carberry were put to the test and all proved their academic and speaking talents at the Rotary Speaking Contest. Held by the local chapter of Rotary, students were asked to take a position on a social issue by applying the Rotary 4 Way Test.

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all?



Andrew Green

was the overall winner, placing first with his analysis of the Electoral College. He will represent Pottstown at the District competition held at Ursinus College.



Kishan Patel

examined the claims by power companies about climate change.



Madison Carberry

put the issue of polygamy to the 4 way test.



High school teachers Diane Fox and Diane Shoffstall were the team's sponsors and gave guidance and support to the speakers. Trojan Proud our students were put to the test and they passed with high honors.

Trojan Proud of Pottstown High School student Andrew Green for earning top honors in the Rotary District Speech Contest. Competing with students from high schools in Montgomery County he showed his critical thinking and speech skills in applying the Rotary 4 Way Test to the topic of "The Electoral College". Andrew will now represent Pottstown at the Regional Finals in Allentown, where he will be competing against students from Berks, Bucks, Leigh and Carbon counties.



Hard Work Pays Off For PHS SENIORS

PHS seniors got a small taste of what it means when we say “Hard Work Pays Off.” There were a lot of happy faces at Senior Award Night, where almost \$70,000 in cash awards were presented for outstanding achievement in academics, citizenship and participation in co-curricular activities. Thanks to all the parents and family members who have supported and encouraged students to set high goals and work hard. Educators shared this time of joy with students knowing they helped to set the foundation for future leaders and given us more reason to say Proud to be from Pottstown. A special thanks to all the individuals and organizations that donated awards. Best wishes to seniors as they take the next step on the road to future success.



Thank you to the Pottstown Elks Lodge #814 for the real life workplace opportunity our culinary students had to demonstrate their skills. Students volunteered during the annual charity ball assisting in the kitchen as well as serving the meal. Your \$500 donation will be used to support student learning opportunities. Thanks for giving us another reason to say Proud to be from Pottstown!



Congratulations to Pottstown High School student **Amanda Endy** who received the Prudential Spirit of Community Award!

Read all about it in Mr. Evan Brandt's [Digital Notebook Blog](#).



Trojan Proud of PHS Senior **Mary Gery** for being honored by the Manatawny Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution with their Good Citizen Award. This award recognizes students who are dependable, involved in community service, have leadership qualities, and patriotism. Mary is motivated to be successful. She is highly involved with her church and has attended many mission trips. She has been a member of the cross country and softball teams. Mary excels in the classroom and is member of National Honor Society. She is one of the founders of the debate club, and the Senior Class Secretary. Recently she served as Master of Ceremonies for the high school Mr. Pottstown Contest. Mary embodies the qualities of a good citizen and is a role model for future leaders. Next year, Mary will be attending King's College enrolled in the Physician's Assistant and Honor's Programs. Thanks for giving us another reason to say Proud to be from Pottstown.



Congratulations to **Emily Weber** on her selection as a nominee for the YWCA Exceptional Girls Award. From Girl Scouts to church to high school music programs to DECA, all that Emily does gives us reason to say Proud to be from Pottstown. She is a hardworking, caring member of our community who serves as an inspiration to other young girls. Her determination and talent shine through in all that she does.

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**YWCA TRI-COUNTY AREA
EXCEPTIONAL NOMINEE:**

*Tribute to
Exceptional
Girls 2019*

Emily
11th Grade
Pottstown High School



**CONGRATS
EMILY!**

"From a young age, Emily has been an example to her peers and to younger kids in all of her activities, whether it's through youth group at her church, Girl Scouts, the school musical program, or DECA. Her determination, considerate nature, and talent shine through."

Pottstown High school student **Destiny Williams** is a nominee for the YWCA Exceptional Girls Award. She is outstanding representative of our school and community. She gives us another reason to say Proud to be from Pottstown.

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**YWCA TRI-COUNTY AREA
EXCEPTIONAL NOMINEE:**

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Girls 2019*

Destiny
11th Grade
Pottstown High School



**CONGRATS
DESTINY!**

"Destiny is an overcomer who never looks for recognition and always looks for ways to help. Her peers believe that her dedication and hard work makes them want to work harder and be a better people. Destiny has a love for learning and passion for others."

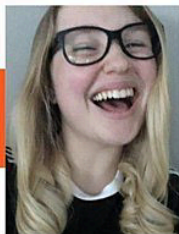
Congratulations to **Chloe Hebert** on her nomination to the YWCA Tribute to Exceptional Girls. Chloe is a considerate, kind, and caring young woman who juggles jazz band, marching band, deck hockey, Interact Club, Student Government, and schoolwork!

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**YWCA TRI-COUNTY AREA
EXCEPTIONAL NOMINEE:**

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Chloe
11th Grade
Pottstown High School



**CONGRATS
CHLOE!**

"Chloe's ability to make others feel special is rare for someone so young. As the field conductor for the PHS marching band, Chloe is a positive influence for over fifty band members. She is considerate, a passionate leader, and a wonderful friend to many."

With the weather providing a warm sunny weekend for the first time in months you would think that high school students would be out enjoying recreational activities. The cadets of [Pottstown High School's Air Force JROTC Unit PA 951](#) chose instead to spend their Saturday morning cleaning and landscaping the Veterans memorial island at Manatawny Park. Lead by their unit commander Col. James Porter they cleaned and landscaped the memorial areas in preparation for Memorial Day activities. Cadets spent Sunday honoring the memory of members of the military who sacrificed their lives to protect our freedoms. Members of the unit walked 14 miles on the high school stadium track in honor of the thousands of lives lost in WWII during the Bataan Death March. U.S. and Filipino prisoners of war were forced to march to a prison camp. The march was characterized by severe physical abuse and wanton killings, it was later judged by the Allied Military Commission as a war crime.

"The cadets of PA951 are preparing themselves to become our future leaders and as such have made a commitment to serve our community and honor the sacrifices of those who have come before them," said Col. Porter.



Thanks to a partnership with Carlisle Interconnect Technologies 20 Pottstown High School students in Mr. Andy Bachman's Engineering class had a yearlong shadowing experience and learned about the world of manufacturing. Students were paired with CIT staff who served as a resource and mentor over the yearlong program. CIT staff paid a visit to tour the high school engineering program and learn how PHS is helping to prepare the next generation for the technology work force. CITI awarded certificates of achievement to students who completed the program.

Susan Chambers, HR Director of CIT, said, "Hard to believe just a year ago we had a vision of exposing students to careers in the STEM arena and we began our partnership with the Pottstown High Engineering Technology program. Our pilot year for the job shadow has been a huge success. Thanks to Mr. Bachman who played a major role in making this project a success. His students are fortunate to have a teacher with so much energy and desire to make a difference in students' lives."



"CIT's commitment to our students and helping to build the technology workforce is an investment in the future," said Bachman.

Carlisle Interconnect Technologies (CarlisleIT) is a division of [Carlisle Companies Inc.](#), a diversified global company with a portfolio of businesses focused on the manufacture and distribution of highly engineered products for both original equipment and aftermarket channels. From energy to aerospace, healthcare to transportation, CarlisleIT delivers.

Leveraging the Carlisle Operating System (COS) and its focus on entrepreneurial spirit and continuous improvement, Carlisle's worldwide team of employees generated \$3.7 billion in net sales in 2016. Learn more about the 100-year history of [The Carlisle Companies](#).



NHS Supports Cancer Research

If you are a teenager, what do you do on a beautiful weekend in June to kick off the start of summer? If you are a member of Pottstown High School National Honor Society, you join your friends and spend 12 hours walking in the Relay For Life fundraiser to support cancer research. Trojan Proud of our students and NHS sponsor Mrs. Jennifer Mohr for their leadership and commitment to wanting to make a difference. High school principal Mrs. Danielle McCoy said it best in describing our students, "They demonstrate a spark of change in present culture. They care about the environment and their community. They volunteer in large numbers to make a difference in their town and in our society."



The [Class of 2019](#) returned to their elementary school one last time. It was a big day for PHS seniors. They tried on their caps and gowns and then paid a visit to their elementary school to walk the halls one last time. They received a lot of high 5's and smiles along with a few tears. Elementary students displayed good luck signs and teachers shared some throw back pictures of the Class of 2019 when they were 3rd graders. It was a Trojan Proud day!!!



Thanks to Mr. Evan Brandt's [Digital Notebook Blog](#), you read what Valedictorian, Will Minnick and Salutatorian Asgar Ali have to say about the pride, dreams and potential of the class of 2019!

**Pottstown High School's 2019 Valedictorian
Will Minnick**



**Pottstown High School's 2019 Salutatorian
Asgar Ali**



Thanks to [The Sanatoga Post](#) for sharing the joy and excitement from the Class of 2019 Commencement!



SENIOR CLASS OF 2019

For the 139th year Pottstown High School said farewell to our graduates. This year's class of 160 grads adds to the list of over 20,040 PHS Trojans who have gone on to distinguish themselves in every field of endeavors. They become part of our proud past and give us reason to be confident about the future. Congratulations to them and thanks to teachers, staff, administration, school board, parents, family and community who has played a role in shaping their future.

You are all reason to say "Proud to be from Pottstown."

No matter where the journey of life takes them - Once a Trojan, a Trojan Forever!

Class of 2019 Information

- Class of 160 students
 - Number of girls – 88
 - Number of boys – 72
- Number of students who started and completed all of their education in Pottstown – 105
- Post High School Plans:
 - Continuing Education:
 - 4 year college/university - 60
 - 2 year college/university - 21
 - Armed Services – 3
 - Work World – 53
 - Trade/Tech School/Other (homemaker, unemployed, unknown, etc.) – 23
- Scholarships/Awards – total value for senior class - **\$1,075,016**

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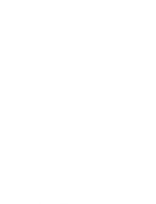
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FLEMING



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GERMANY



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MARY
GERY



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KAYLEIGH
GIBSON

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GRAY



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LAMAR
GREEN



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HAINSEY



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CYE TAJ
HALL



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MCKAYLA
HAMPTON



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PATRICIA
HANNINGS



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2019 POTTSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION PLANS

Jeremy Adams	MCCC
Jalyss Agosto	West Chester University
Alec Alberto	Muhlenberg College
Asgar Ali	Lehigh University
Subrina Ali	Thomas Jefferson University
London Aquino	Bloomsburg University
Mitchell Aquino	West Chester University
Lakesha Arrington	Western New England University
Maryam Belgrave	Duke University
Gerald Bingham	MCCC
Jonathan Brusk	LaSalle University
Faith Burrington	Kutztown University
Daelynn Butler	Military
Destiny Charriez	Wilkes University
Genesis Charriez	University of Valley Forge
Tyler Clifford	Automotive Training Center
Stephanie Core	MCCC
Johnay Cranford	Cedar Crest College
Alexus Cruz	MCCC
Aaric Daroci	MCCC
Floyd Dashiell	Arizona State University
Alea Davenport	Academy of Art University
Jailyn Davis	Bloomsburg University
Ameer DeLeon Lindsey	MCCC
Jacob Diehl	Automotive Training Center
Andrew Donhauser	Marine Core
Shane Duncan	University of Pitt-Greensburg
Jenna Dunlap	The Salon Professional Academy
Amanda Endy	Cedar Crest College
Nehemiah Figueroa	Lacawanna College
Elijah Finnegan	MCCC
Ariana Garcia	Ursinus College
Mary Gery	King's College
Myrical Giddens	MCCC
Jahyre Graves	Cheney University
Christian Gray	Recording Connections
Jennifer Hainsey	East Carolina University
Rebecca Harper	Universal Technical Institute
Jaheim Harris	MCCC
Wynter Harris	Lincoln University
Emily Hart	Moravian College
Keirsten Hickey	Gwynedd Mercy University
Jayla Holloway	Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Zyera Howard	MCCC
Daphka Isaac	MCCC
Malika Johnson Mauras	Navy
Rahmel Jones	MCCC
Amya Kellman	University of North Carolina Charlotte
GianKirk Kimmell	University Of Pitt-Greensburg

Abigail Krause	Johnson & Wales University
Jamel Lamarre	MCCC
Christopher Lee	Automotive Training Center
Sydni Leonard	Empire
Sabrina Lias	Albright College
LeStorm Little	MCCC
Donny Marte	Penn State -University Park
Alexandria Matta	MCCC
Virginia McCoySwinehart	Muhlenberg College
Caitlin McLaughlin	California University of PA
William Migala	Universal Technical Inst.
Aubrey Miller	Penn State -University Park
Gavin Miller	Automotive Training Center
William Minnick	University of Pittsburgh
Dennis Morales	Penn State – Berks
Julia Morton	Kutztown University
Destiny Moyer	Kutztown University
Daulton Mullen	Veterinary Tech–Penn Foster College
Madison Nagle	East Stroudsburg University
Reilly Owens	Gwynedd Mercy University
Aaliyah Palmer	Lincoln Tech
Shalisha Paschall	Lincoln University
Dazah Regusters	University of the District of Columbia
Kobe Reinert	Universal Technical Institute
Julia Reisner	Lock Haven University
Milani Roberson	Gwynedd Mercy University
Christian Rodriguez	Penn College of Technology
Julianna Roseo	Shenandoah University
Johnesha Salata	Kutztown University
Sophia Sargunam	Delaware Valley University
Todd Schadler	Penn State -Berks Campus
Shakayla Sergent	MCCC
Hannah Shankle	Temple University
Destyn Snyder	Ursinus College
Julian Soto-Pacheco	Kutztown University
Carrie Stauffer	Pennsylvania College of Tech
Tori Steger	Temple University
Taylor Sundstrom	Alvernia University
Terrell Taylor Williams	Lebanon Valley College
Dylan Thorne	Ursinus College
Christina Vasquez	MCCC
Abigail Welder	University of the Sciences
Megan Weller	Penn State – Berks
Daveon Williams	Albright College
Kiana Williams	Empire Beauty School
Luis Wunderlich	MCCC
Cody Young	Penn State University

PHS Student Earns Leadership Honors



PHS rising senior **Logan Ruyak** was recognized at the Pottstown Rotary week-long leadership camp. Camp NEIDIG hosted 150 outstanding student leaders from schools in southeast Pennsylvania. Logan, who is the President of the PHS Interact Club, along with classmate Aaliyah Bray represented Pottstown High School. Ruyak was selected to receive the Outstanding Camper Award.

Dave Woodley and the Trojan Men (Jon Oister and Will Minnick) took to the trail at Riverfront to support Worldhopeinc.com as they continue to support the Pokot Village in Kenya! Through this 5K, World Hope Inc provides clean drinking water and other necessary items to maintain stable, healthy living! It was a great showing for #TeamTrojanMan with a new personal best for Jon Oister, who was the first person to cross the finish line with a time of 23:12. Jon is the first Trojan Man to be the first ever overall winner of a 5K! Trojan Man Will Minnick took first in his age group in his first 5K with #TeamTrojanMan! Lastly, with two blisters on his right foot and one on his left, Dave Woodley took first in his age group! Unofficially, for the third year in a row, the #TeamTrojanMan 5K team was the first team to have all their members cross the finish line.



Trojans' Mission to Kenya Update

Pottstown High School Engineering teacher Mr. Andy Bachman and two of his students, juniors Jacob Eames and David Hicks, are putting the district's saying, Building a Better Tomorrow to a real test. They are on their way to the country of Kenya in East Africa as part of the DOW/WE Are Innovators Scholarship Program. The program gives students the opportunity to identify, innovate and develop solutions to the world's most pressing issues. While there they will help take on the challenges of access to healthy food and clean drinking water. Bachman said, "I am proud of our students who want to use their STEM skills (science, technology, engineering and math) to help improve the quality of life for people in need and develop sustainable solutions for world issues."



We have finally arrived at our mobile camp in the Masai Mara - our home for the trip! Saturday was a day of multiple arrivals from the airport as we welcomed folks from all corners of the globe from Algeria, Mexico, Egypt, Thailand and the United States of America. Sunday morning we all woke up for an early breakfast with our new friends that our amazing chefs; Helen and Charles cooked for us. We can all foresee an amazing time ahead of us already.

After breakfast we had a short presentation on WE where we had the chance to learn more about our Facilitators; Feker and Christina before starting our six hour journey to the Maasai Mara. Along the way we stopped at the view point overlooking the Rift Valley and took our first group photo! We learned that the Valley stretches from Lebanon to Mozambique. Also, we are here during the great migration and hopefully we will get to see more wildebeest during our Safari later this week. Driving down into the valley to make our way to the Mwangaza community, we had a teaser of what the safari experience will be like as we encountered zebras, baboons, gazelles, and hyrax.



We met our Masai Warriors; Richard and Felix who will be our guides during the trip and teach us Swahili, Maa (their mother tongue), about the culture and customs. Upon arrival to the community we were welcomed from our camp staff with singing and dancing. We had the opportunity to settle into our tents and enjoy our first dinner here - Yum! We celebrated one of our friends from the United States Birthday today with cake and a fun cake cutting song. After dinner, we created our community code and went over what our week will look like.

We went to an open market today as "families" with different scenarios and had 1000 shillings (\$10 USD). We had to save 250 and then buy various supplies for our scenarios. Also, we had to buy food for 7 days. We used our Swahili and bargaining skills. We then returned to camp and made menus, had our menus critiqued by the guides and then discussed the reality of the meals not being sufficient to sustain individuals through school or farming duties. Powerful!!!



On Saturday, we helped construct the foundation for the WE College Engineering Building. Afterwards we posed for a picture with Craig Keilburger, the co-founder of WE.org.



Happy to report our Trojan Mission Team of PHS teacher Mr. Andy Bachman along with students Jacob Eames and David Hicks have returned safely from their mission trip to Kenya, where they helped to improve the living conditions of families in a small village. Back less than 24 hours and David Hicks, who is a member of both the football team and the marching band, could be found in the Trojan weight room preparing for the upcoming season. Hard work pays off and proud to be from Pottstown.



Everyone is back home and have many stories to share about their experience helping to improve living conditions for members of a village in Kenya. See the note we received from the Dow Innovators, sponsors of the program. Jambo Loved ones!

We are so excited to fill you in on our last few updates, from here forward we are going to get to show you pictures and add all our little details for our Maasai Mara adventures.



Friday morning we started our day at our final build at the Mwangaza kitchen. We organized and worked hard to get as much as we could done. By the end of the build we are all confident in the foundation of the contributed too. Hopefully one day in the future we will be able to see what Mwangaza school grows into. In the afternoon we went back to the school to say our final goodbyes. Already feeling emotional we were met by students who organized a goofy ceremony filled with singing, dancing, and poetry. Following the ceremony we played some soccer, netball, hang man, and a new version of duck duck goose. Our afternoon with the community was filled with love and we appreciate our fortune to have been greeted with so much love these past few days at Mwangaza community.

Our day ended with weapons training!!! Richard and Felix showed us some traditional Maasai weapons and we took to a challenge with Conga throwing and the bows and arrows. The day ended as we walked back to camp looking at the sun sneaking behind the rain clouds, that crept over the hills. After dinner Richard and Felix continued to share parts of their culture by the camp fire. They answered our questions and were vulnerable with such amazing story telling.

Saturday morning we were awake before the sun as it was Safari day!!! At 4am we were awoken by Christina and Feker at the sound of the "In the jungle, the Mighty Jungle" song and made our way out to 5am we were on our way. It was a day filled with lions, cheetahs, wildebeest, warthogs, hyenas, giraffes, and so much more. Our vehicles were filled with laughter and wonder as we shared this amazing day together. It was the longest day we shared together so far and it ended with dancing and more laughter. Over 12 hours awake and together and we still had stuff to laugh about.



Sunday morning started with an activity on "design thinking". We spent the morning actively thinking how empathy and communication are key to the effective sustainable application of our innovations. By 10am we were back at the build site, but this time we were at WE College with our other Dow group. The engineering faculty building was under construction and we got to make our contributions. On our way back to camp we got a fast tour of the history of the college and were surprised by a pop up visit from Craig Kielburger (one of the founders of the WE movement). We introduced ourselves and got a few pictures before he returned to his work and we parted ways with some of our own who headed back to Nairobi for an early flight Monday afternoon.

Then we had our final drive back to camp. Monday morning we would depart from camp and not return. It was an emotional ride for many of us. Sunday night we ended our final night together telling our funniest stories over dinner (we have a lot of them so be sure to ask us when we get back home!!!). It was a night of reminiscing on our amazing opportunity. We all learned so much from each other these past few days. As darkness filled the sky we ended our day laying in the grass watching the stars as we shared our last stories. It was a day of embracing the amazing atmosphere our camp staff, Maasai guides, facilitators and we created for ourselves. Thanks for keeping up with our adventure. When we get back we will have so many more stories to share with you.

With love, The Dow Innovators, Feker, Christina, Richard and Felix

PHS Junior, **Julianna Figueroa** is spending part of her summer along with 60 other outstanding young women exploring science and developing leadership skills at the Exelon STEM Innovation and Leadership Academy. The academy is designed to help increase their awareness of STEM education and careers and provide them with a chance to meet their peers who have similar interests. It is a week-long, overnight program held at Drexel University and features fun STEM related field trips, hands-on activities, and opportunities to learn about STEM work and career paths from keynote speakers including female leaders from PECO, Exelon, and other companies and organizations in the Greater Philadelphia region.



Pottstown High School Senior **Zachary Beekley** was nominated by teacher Andy Bachman to attend the Envision National Youth Leadership Forum for Engineering. This 8-day Envision program was held at Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta Georgia. It provided hands-on experience with math and science skills that can be applied to the real world of Engineering. The Beekley Report is a review of the week's activities in Zach's own words.



THE BEEKLEY REPORT: From July 7 to July 14, about 200 other teenagers and I attended the Envision Experience NYLF Engineering program at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta to learn more about the engineering design process, different fields of engineering, and to experience what college life may be like. We spent about 10 hours in a classroom each day learning about the steps in the engineering design process and learning about our capstone project. The goal of our project was to design a water system for a small community in a third-world country. My team was assigned Banlung, which is also sometimes called Krong Ban Lung, in Cambodia. We designed a system to pump water from a nearby volcanic crater lake, Yeak Laom Lake, into a water tower, which used gravity to distribute the water throughout the community of about 17,000 people. Yeak Laom Lake was chosen because it is the largest and cleanest source of water near the village. Our water system also included a sewage system to pump the used water from the community back into the lake after it was cleaned. The pumps are all powered by an array of solar panels which provide more than enough energy for each pump. My team also had to find the total cost of our system, which was about \$400,000. Each day we had a daily intro and we had keynote speakers including a woman who works with nanotechnology, a woman who helped create a program to identify objects on the Amazon app, and the lead of Georgia Tech's admission office. We also worked with basic electronics wiring, Arduino boards, and basic coding to control an IR remote controlled helicopter. We also took a tour of the Georgia Tech campus. We were given a "Behind the Seas" tour at the Georgia Aquarium, which showed us the processes behind the scenes for the aquarium to function. Throughout the trip, I learned more about the engineering design process, which fields of engineering I enjoy and might consider for a career, what college life may be like, and what I need to be a good applicant for a college I wish to attend. I will have a great story to tell at the start of school when a teacher asks me what I did during the summer.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Trojan Proud! Over 300 young men in grades 2-6 enjoyed a mother and son moment at a dance held at the Pottstown Middle School. The second annual event was sponsored by the school board Community Relations Committee, headed by board member Katina Bearden. Sons escorted their mothers on the Red Carpet walk and enjoyed many photo opportunities that will bring lifelong memories. Both mothers and sons gave a display of dancing skills from line dancing to the twist. See a gallery of photos at the bottom of our [district website home page](#).

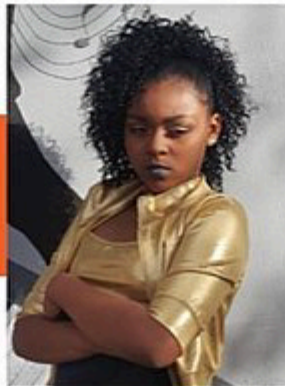


Congratulations to Pottstown Middle School 5th grade student **Iyell Beneditch** for being honored by the YWCA as one of their Exceptional Girls.

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**YWCA TRI-COUNTY AREA
EXCEPTIONAL NOMINEE:**

Iyell
5th Grade
Pottstown Middle School



"Iyell is not only a hard working young women, but she refuses to give up. She is a dancer, gymnast, and active volunteer. She has been extremely involved in the community of Pottstown, always showing up with a smile on her face to events."

Congratulations to the players and coaches of Pottstown Middle School 8th grade Softball Team on getting the season started with a big 9-8 win over Perkiomen Valley West: The Trojans had some hot bats with Katelyn Clear hitting two doubles and Kenyada Wise and Bryanna Clear each with a double. Out in the field, Ariana Gilmore had multiple strike outs and communicated well with Jayla Carpenter who had multiple blocks as catcher. Leigha Walton had a strong day in center field coming up with a great inning ending catch. The players' overall communication in the field helped to make quick, solid plays.

Coach Jesse Trupper said, "I am Trojan Proud of our players who spend many hours after school in a positive activity that is helping to teach them lifelong lessons about team work, communication, perseverance and that hard work pays off. We are 1-0 and looking to add to our record with solid play by all."



Keishla Gonzalez, Leigha Walton, and
Danielle Rubincam



Ariana Gilmore,
London Trout, Kenyada Wise,
Kaela Auman, Katelyn Clear, Bryanna Clear

Trojan Proud of the 45 members of our middle school Boys and Girls Track Team

These student athletes spend many after school hours preparing for competition. Their hard work paid off with a double victory over Perkiomen Valley West. The boys won 82 to 46 and the girls won 71 to 46. Thank you to our coaches who not only teach skills but serve as role models for our students. Competing with pride and sportsmanship our students gave us all another reason to say, Proud to be from Pottstown.

On the girls side:

- ★ Tamyia Jarret won both the 100 and 200 meters.
- ★ Stephanie Taylor won the shot put.
- ★ Oralee Wilson won the 400 meter.
- ★ Savannah Richards won the 55 meter hurdles and the 100 meter in her weight class.
- ★ The girls open 4x100 team also won with a time of 58 seconds.



On the boys' team:

- ★ Rasheen Bostic won both the 100 and 200 meters.
- ★ Joneil Oister won the long jump with an incredible jump of 17'10".
- ★ Adam Green won the open hurdles.
- ★ Ian Salisbury won the 1600.
- ★ Devon Green won the shot put.
- ★ Ethan Masewicz won the high jump.
- ★ The boys open 4x100 team also won with a great time of 47.96 seconds.



Trojan Proud of our Middle School Boys Track Team student athletes and coaches for an excellent showing at the Boy's PAC Middle School Invitational Meet at Pottsgrove High School.

- ★ Rasheen Bostic won silver in the open 100 and gold in the 200 meters.
- ★ Joneil Oister won silver in the long jump.
- ★ Adam Green won bronze in the open 55 meter hurdles.
- ★ Malachi Jones won bronze in the 120 pound 100 meters.
- ★ Devon Green won bronze in the shot put.
- ★ Ethan Masewicz placed 5th in the 400 meters.
- ★ Both Derek Gephart and Ian Salisbury ran personal records in the 1600 and 800 meters.



Rasheen Bostic



Adam Green



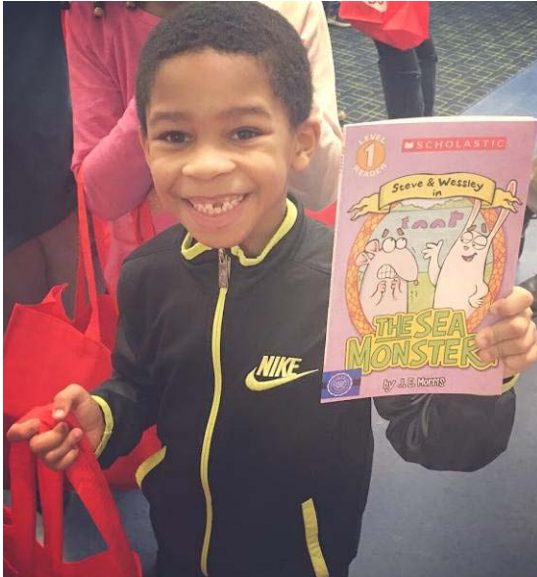
[Pottstown Middle School Art students](#) combined their art and reading skills to help support the fundraising efforts of the Pottstown Regional Public Library. Read all about what they are doing and how you can join in the community effort in Mr. Evan Brandt's Digital Notebook Blog. One Goal One Team One Town Proud to be from Pottstown!

State Rep. Joe Ciresi, D-146th Dist., has announced that Pottstown School District has been awarded an environmental education grant. The \$3,000 grant will be used to support the Pottstown Powered by Nature program, teaching students in fourth- to sixth-grade scientific inquiry in environmental issues. [Read more here!](#)



ELEMENTARY

The call was for a blitz, but unlike when Philadelphia Eagle's player Chris Long is on the field no Rupert students were knocked to the ground. The Chris Long Foundation partnered with the United Way and the Dow American Reading Company to provide each Rupert Elementary student five books to take home and keep for reading enjoyment. United Way provided a red tote bag to carry the books. Read all about it in Evan Brandt's [Digital Notebook Blog](#).



Congratulations to our student speakers and their sponsors who are featured in Mr. Evan Brandt's [Digital Notebook Blog](#).

There are two never-miss days each week at Rupert Elementary School, where a deaf and formerly abandoned dog serves as a loving therapy friend on which students have come to depend. Say hello to [Reggie](#).



Entering [Barth Elementary School](#) you will find a peaceful friendly environment. Two of the students that help keep it that way are Yaileen Irizarry and Ezai Jones. Every year, two students are chosen by their peers who have the qualities of a Peacemaker; respectful, courageous, and willingness to solve problems in a peaceful way. This award was created in partnership with the First Presbyterian Church of Pottstown and presented by Pastor Kerry Pidcock-Lester. The students received a plaque with their name and a \$100 check.



This is how a student described Ezai: I nominate this boy for the Barth Peacemaker Award because he is nice, kind, and respectful. One day we were playing basketball and two others began to fight over one calling a foul. This boy came over and said, "You don't have to be mad, it's just a game. Take a couple deep breaths, and get back to playing." This boy is also helpful. When he saw a girl trip outside he went over to her and helped her up and asked if she was okay.



A classmate gave these remarks in nominating Yaileen: I nominate this girl for the Barth Peacemaker Award because she is caring. One time I fell and scraped my knee. Then she walked me to the nurse's office and got me a band aid. She is very happy too. She always has a positive attitude toward teachers and students. She is very helpful. One time my friend and I got in a fight. This girl helped us solve the problem, and made things all better.



Principals get wet and slimy!

Sometimes it's pie, sometimes it's kissing a pig, and sometimes it's just downright slimy. Pottstown's elementary school principals are known for putting themselves on the line when it comes to encouraging their students to achieve their goals. [See for yourself!](#)



[YWCA Honors PSD Exceptional Girls](#)

Congratulations to the young ladies who were honored by the YWCA Exceptional Girls Awards. They represent our students' hard work and good citizenship. The honorees are building a solid foundation for future success and happiness.

- ★ Franklin 4th grader **Riley Maquire** and **Logan Ruyak** from the high school received The Arts Award for their ability to express self-truth through artistic expression.
- ★ PHS Junior **Chloe Herbert** was recognized for making a positive impact on the community through leadership, determination and ingenuity with the Community Impact Award.
- ★ Fifth grader **Iyell Beneditch** received the Health and Wellness Award for being a role model of healthy lifestyle.
- ★ The Rising Star Award for exhibiting leadership qualities and mentoring peers was awarded to high school student **Emily Weber**.
- ★ Eleventh grader **Destiny Lepree Williams** was recognized with The Shooting Start Award for having a strong set of personal values and mentoring others to set high personal goals.
- ★ **Julianna Figueroa** distinguished herself in athletics, academics, performing arts and citizenship. She was honored with the Trailblazer Award for acting as a passionate leader, who tears down barriers in male-dominated arenas.

**Remember their names; you will hear them in the future
as they take their place as community leaders.**



YWCA Award Winners



Riley Maguire



Logan Ruyak



Chloe Herbert



Iyell Beneditch



Emily Weber and Destiny Lepree Williams



Julianna Figueroa





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:

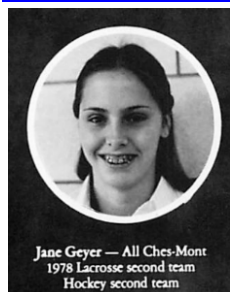
John J. Armato, Director of Community Relations,
230 Beech Street, Pottstown PA 19464 or email jarmato@pottstownsd.org.

- **Gary Robert Wampler** - Class of 1956 - was the son of Dee and Clairis Wampler of Pottstown



PA. Gary, a devoted husband and father of these three daughters, lived his life demonstrating ingenuity, independence, perseverance and integrity, traits the family lives by. An eternal realist, "it is what it is", words he often said, reflect that characteristic. Gary attended the University of Massachusetts in Lowell, after serving in the Army Security Agency. He worked in management positions in the field of manufacturing for the remainder of his career, most notably at Nashua Corporation, from where he retired at age 55. Together, Gary and Claire shared a passion for collecting and selling antiques attending concerts and musicals, spending time at the beach with family, and especially New Castle Beach with friends Charlie and Barbara. He and Claire spent much of the 25 years of his retirement traveling the world and enjoying their grandchildren.

- **Jane L. Drumheller** – Class of 1979 - 57, wife of Jeffrey P. Drumheller, of Milford, PA, Born in Pottstown, she was the daughter of the late Richard and Jane (McLaughlin) Geyer. Jane was an outstanding 3-sport athlete. She graduated from Kutztown University and is enshrined in their Athletic Hall of Fame for her accomplishments on their lacrosse team. Those who knew Jane will fondly remember her for her competitive spirit, keen sense of humor, and zest for life.



- **Nancy Schmearer O'Dell** - Class of 1944 - was the daughter of the late William E. Schmearer, Jr. and Caroline Schmearer. She worked as a dental assistant for Dr. Charles Baylor during and after World War II. Nancy met her husband, E. Jules O'Dell in the dental chair. They were married in 1949. In later years, she was a travel agent for Storb Travel Service.



- **Margaret (Ruch) Jacketti** - Class of 1947 - was the wife of Victor J. Jacketti. Born in Pottstown, she was the daughter of the late Catherine (Donarski) DeHaven. She retired in 1993 after 28 years with ICI Americans. She was a member of Saint Teresa of Calcutta Parish and the Pottstown Senior Center.



- **Joyce E. Bertolet** - Class of 1952 - From high school she went to work for Jacob S. Bahr & Son, Insurance, as a secretary, retiring in 1964 to raise a family. In 1975 she went to work for Zion's U.C.C., her home church, as a church secretary. She retired from there in 1997. She was an avid reader, baker, loved doing crosswords and putting in her garden. She was very active in her church, having taught in the Sunday School for almost 50 years. She served on Consistory and many other boards and committees and enjoyed being involved with her church.



- **Eula M. (Beideman) Mock** - Class of 1944 - was the widow of LaVerne P. Mock. Born in Center Square, PA, she was a daughter of the late James and Eula (Mason) Beidemen. She was employed by the former Sanders & Thomas Drafting Co., as a secretary. She was a member of Royersford Church of the Nazarene, where she sang in the choir, and played the piano for the children's department. She also played the piano for the Wesleyan Church, Pottstown, and at Manatawny Manor for their church service and for the enjoyment of the residents.



- **Nadine Anna (Chomnuk) Yares** - Class of 1980 - passed away at her home in Jonesborough, TN. The family plans to make Nadine's final resting place the family cemetery plot in Pennsylvania where Nadine grew up.





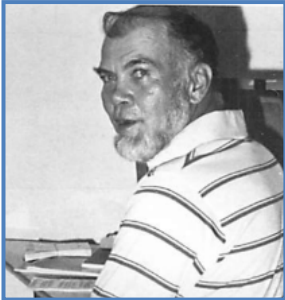
- **Richard "Tyke" Smith** - Class of 72 - was born in Pottstown. He was an engineer with STV in Ewing Twp for 42 years before retiring in 2013. He enjoyed fishing, rock and blues guitar music, being an Eagles Football fan and many sports. He loved spending time with his family.





FALLEN TROJAN STAFF



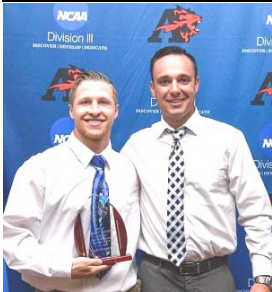
- ❖ **Dr. Frank D Heifer** - 78, of Punta Gorda FL died in his home on May 27th, 2019 after a valiant battle with Parkinson's disease. He was born in Reading PA, the son of Francis and Julia (Gurtowski) Heifer. He was educated in the Reading Public School system and went on to Kutztown University for his undergraduate degree and Lehigh University for his Masters and Doctorate in Educational Administration. He was Superintendent from 1991 to 2000 and prior to that he was an Assistant Superintendent, High School Assistant Principal and English Teacher in the Pottstown School District. He and his wife Nancy, who was the school district head nurse, moved to Florida several years ago. Donations can be made to Dr. Frank Heifer Scholarship at www.foundationpottstowned.org or Foundation for Pottstown Education, Note-Dr. Heifer's Scholarship, 230 Beech St., Pottstown, Pa. 19464
A black and white portrait of Dr. Frank D Heifer, a middle-aged man with short hair, wearing a suit and tie, smiling.
- ❖ **Charles "Chuck" N. Rhoads**, 66, passed away on Sunday, May 12, 2019. Born in Pottstown, PA, on October 19, 1952, Charles was the son of the late Nelson and Elizabeth (Becker) Rhoads. Chuck was proud to serve in the United States Army and in the National Guard for forty years. After his time in the military, he worked as head custodian at Pottstown High School until he retired in 2018. When he was not working he spent his time outdoors camping, fishing, and hunting. He enjoyed watching sports, following politics, and trading stocks. He enjoyed his toys, trucks, tractors, classic cars, and rifles. Chuck loved life! He was always telling jokes, having fun, and making light of situations. He had dreams of bringing his family campground back to life for his children and grandchildren to enjoy. He will be greatly missed by all of his friends and family.
A color portrait of Charles "Chuck" N. Rhoads, a man with a beard and glasses, wearing a blue shirt and a dark baseball cap.
- ❖ **William Linford Bayer**, 87, formerly of South Coventry Twp., husband of the late Nancy (Weidman) Bayer. Bill was born in Saint Peters PA and was the son of the late Elwood and Frances (Houck) Bayer. Bill served in the US Army. He was a lifelong member of Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church, where he taught Sunday School, served as a trustee, and served on the administrative board. He was also a member of the South Coventry Twp. Zoning Board for over 35 years. Bill taught math and worked as a guidance counselor for 39 years in the Pottstown School District. He was also an avid golfer and enjoyed playing poker and pinochle.
A black and white portrait of William Linford Bayer, a man with a beard, wearing a striped polo shirt, looking slightly to the side.

ALUMNI

- ◆ **PHS Grad Gianna Epps** – Class of 2018 - Freshman [Gianna Epps](#) (Pottstown, PA/Pottstown) delivered a walk-off RBI single in the eighth against UC Davis as the Rider University softball team split a pair of games to open the Capital Classic Friday. Rider fell to Santa Clara, 4-3, before defeating the Aggies, 2-1, in eight innings. With the split, the Broncos move to 1-13 on the year.



- ◆ **PHS Grad Logan Pennypacker** – Class of 2016 - Congratulations Logan Pennypacker on being named Albright College Outstanding Baseball Player. You were an outstanding student athlete at PHS and have now taken your academic and athletic talents to college. Your hard work is paying off. Trojan Proud of you!



- ◆ **PHS Grad Mason Pennypacker** – Class of 2016 - Congratulations Mason Pennypacker on being named N.E.A.C. Baseball Player of the Week for March 11, 2019. Mason is currently hitting at a .469 clip after 11 games for Penn State Berks.



- ◆ **PHS Grad Anthony Wiggins** – Class of 2018 - Trojan Proud of Anthony Wiggins (Mootmoot). Wiggins was named to the Dean's List at Millersville University. He just completed his freshmen year majoring in Early Childhood Education. He also had an outstanding season as a member of the wrestling team. Anyone who knows Mootmoot knows he lights up the room with his smile and positive energy.



- ◆ **PHS Grad Halle Robinson** – Class of 2016 - Halle graduated from Montgomery County Community College where she earned her associates degree in Early Childhood Education and excelled throughout her studies. Halle is currently an assistant teacher in a preschool classroom and will be promoted to a lead teacher position. Halle has always been an exemplary student and she will maintain that role as an educator! Our children are in great hands!





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Pottstown Pride Society Yes, I'm Interested in More Info

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