

# POTTSTOWN PRIDE

ACADEMICS AND ACTIVITIES  
PARTNERS FOR EDUCATIONAL  
EXCELLENCE



## SPRING-SUMMER 2022

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



# POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT POINTS OF PRIDE SPRING-SUMMER 2022



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 <https://www.pottstownschooals.org/> or call 610-323-6274.



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

Go to <http://www.pottstownschooals.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 19,000 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](mailto:jarmato@pottstownk12.org).

## [National Student Athlete Day](#)

Celebrating National Student Athlete day. Trojan Proud of all of our amazing student athletes. Their hard work, dedication and commitment do not go unnoticed. It is paying off in the classroom and on the field, court, mat, track and everywhere else their journey takes them. They are outstanding representatives of our district and community. Thanks for giving us another reason to say, proud to be from Pottstown. Special thanks to Mr. Justin Baker who is our Director of Co-Curricular Activities for producing this video.



## [What is the forecast for the future](#)



Superintendent Stephen Rodriguez serves as the President of the PA League of Urban Schools Caucus. In an article written for the Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators he shares some of his ideas about what we have learned from the pandemic and the role of educators moving forward.

## [From the Superintendent's Desk](#)



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## Pottstown comes together in aftermath of explosion that killed 5 Schools grieving over loss of four children



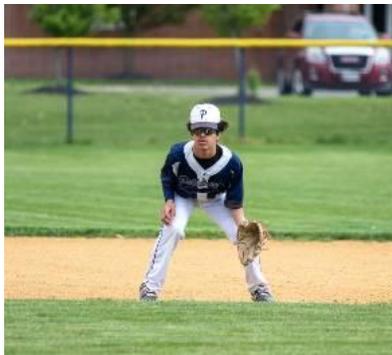
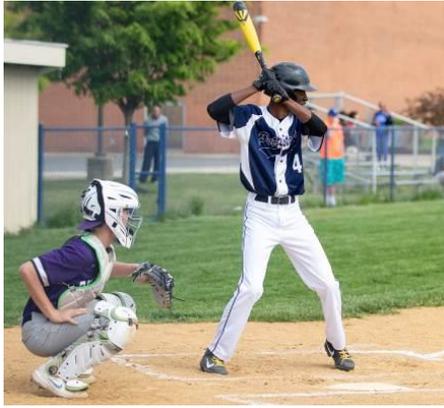
Relatives of those killed in a home explosion on Hale Street break down in front of a picture board made by friends of some of the 4 children who died.  
(Evan Brandt – MediaNews Group)

The victims — Alana Wood, 13; Jeremiah White, 12; Nehemiah White, 10; Tristan White, 8; and their grandmother Francine White, 67 — represent unfathomable losses not only to their families but to their friends, classmates, and teachers. How do you explain to an 8-year-old that the children he joined on the playground last week are gone forever?

*Donations may be made online at Community Network's office at 724 N. Adams St., No. 203, Pottstown, PA 19464, with Pottstown Explosion Support Fund in the memo line.*

*The Foundation for Pottstown Education is collecting donations to go directly to the families. Go to <https://foundationpottstowned.org/donate/> and in the notes section, you can indicate your support for families affected by writing "Pottstown 526 Emergency Fund."*

# BASEBALL



**Baseball Seniors:**



Joey DeLeo



Enam Robinson

## Pottstown Celebrates Hometown Hero

Pottstown celebrates another 'Bobby Shantz Day'

Shantz, 96, oldest living baseball MVP, pitched for the Philadelphia Athletics, New York Yankees, Pittsburgh Pirates and Phillies, among others.



## **PHS Baseball Players Learn Life Lessons**

Participating in co-curricular activities is much more than just learning the physical skills of a game. Teamwork, self-discipline, understanding the value of hard work and resiliency are but a few of the lifelong lessons that can be learned by taking part in school activities. Trojan Proud of our high school baseball team for overcoming adversity and demonstrating that hard work pays off.

Hear their story in Coach Petro's own words: After an entire season lost to Covid two years ago, an 0-16 season a year ago, & an 0-18 start to this season, the Pottstown Trojans Boys Varsity Baseball Team could have rolled over and finished this season the same way it started it. However, they continued to compete! After earning their 1st victory of the season (and 1st under 3rd year Head Coach Chris Petro) with a 15-0 blowout on Tuesday, they found themselves in a 7-0 hole after 2 innings in their season finale. That's when Jadon Wiszumerski, an extremely talented freshman, took the mound. He simply shut the opposition down by throwing 6 innings of shutout baseball that included striking out 12 batters! That performance allowed the offense to chip away at the deficit. They scored 1 in the 3rd, 4 in the 4th, and 2 in the 5th inning to tie the game at 7-7. After 2 scoreless frames, freshman second baseman Evan Draucker singled with 2 outs in the bottom of the 8th. After stealing 2nd and moving to 3rd on a ground ball, senior Joey DeLeo stepped to the plate with the winning run 90 feet away! DeLeo, who had pitched magnificently the day before to earn the victory, lined a ball down the 1st baseline. As the ball found its way past the first baseman, Draucker raced toward home plate with the winning run! The tremendous effort that these young men gave, even when no one would have blamed them for packing it in, gives all of us yet another reason to say "Proud to be from Pottstown!"



### **Named to The Mercury All Area Honorable Mention Team**

- Gabe Hicks – Grade 11

# SOFTBALL



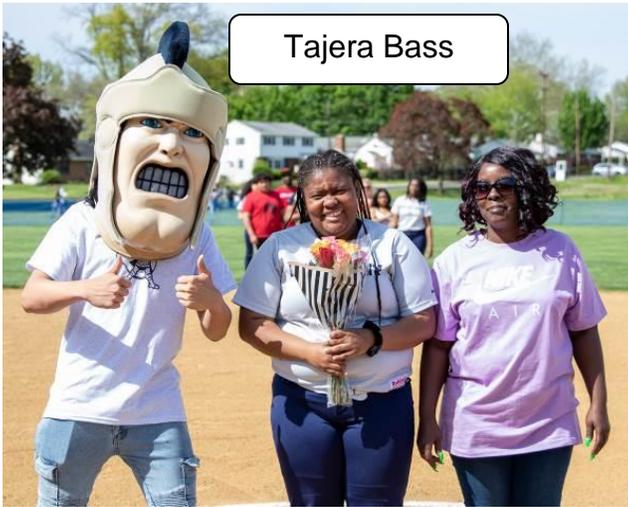
## Named to the All Pioneer Athletic Conference Second Team Frontier Division

- Savannah Richards – Grade 10

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# SOFTBALL SENIOR DAY:



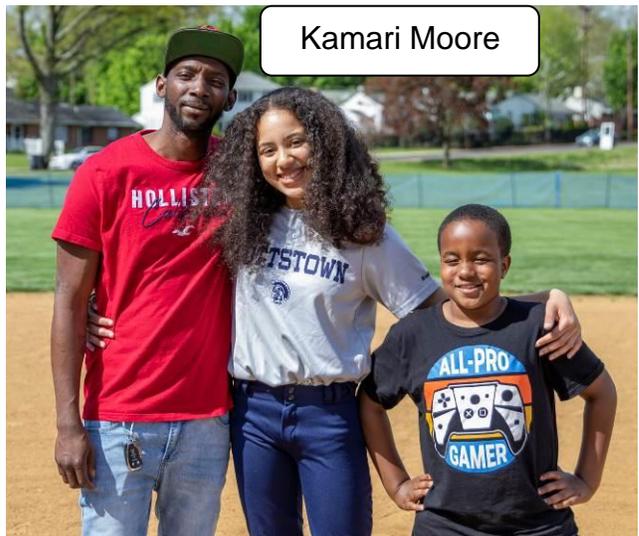
Tajera Bass



Molly Delphin



Jailyn Hampton



Kamari Moore

# GIRLS' LACROSSE

Named to the All Pioneer Athletic Conference Second Team Frontier Division

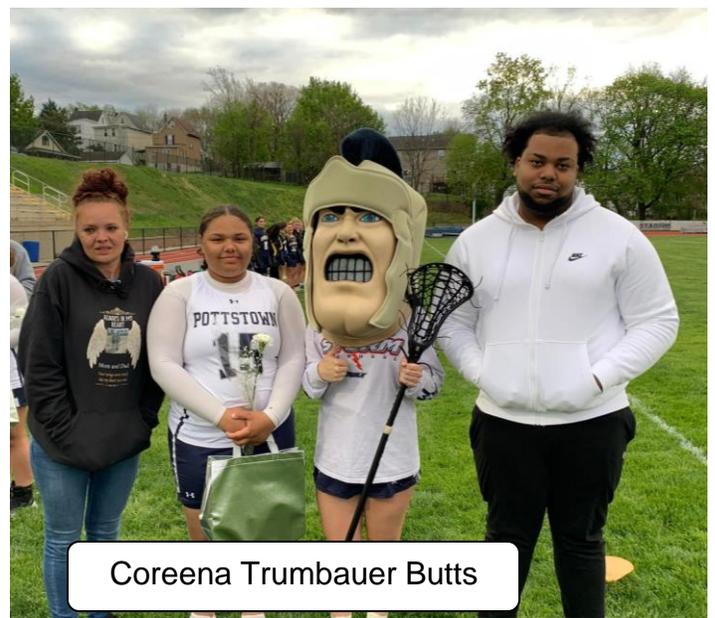
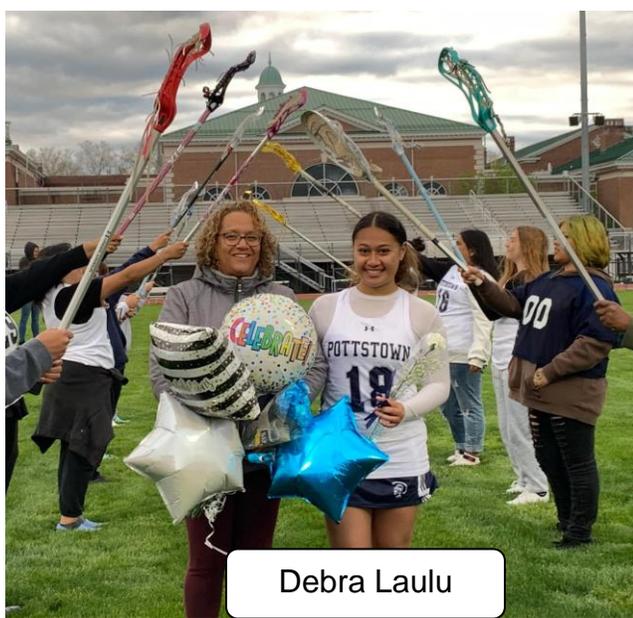
- Keyora Frazier – Grade 12
- Taetum Robbins – Grade 11

Named to The Mercury All Area Honorable Mention Team

- Keyora Frazier – Grade 12
- Taetum Robbins – Grade 11



# LACROSSE SENIOR DAY



# **BOYS' TENNIS SENIOR DAY**



Xzavier Francis Williams



Darren Groff



Tyler Harper



James Ryder



## **BOYS' and GIRLS' TRACK**

### **Trojans Earn Honors - Break Records in Track**

Congratulations to Pottstown High School boys and girls track teams on an outstanding record-breaking effort at the Perkiomen Valley Invitational track meet. Our student athletes ran, jumped and threw in competition with 18 schools from southeast PA. Trojan Proud of how they represented our district and community.

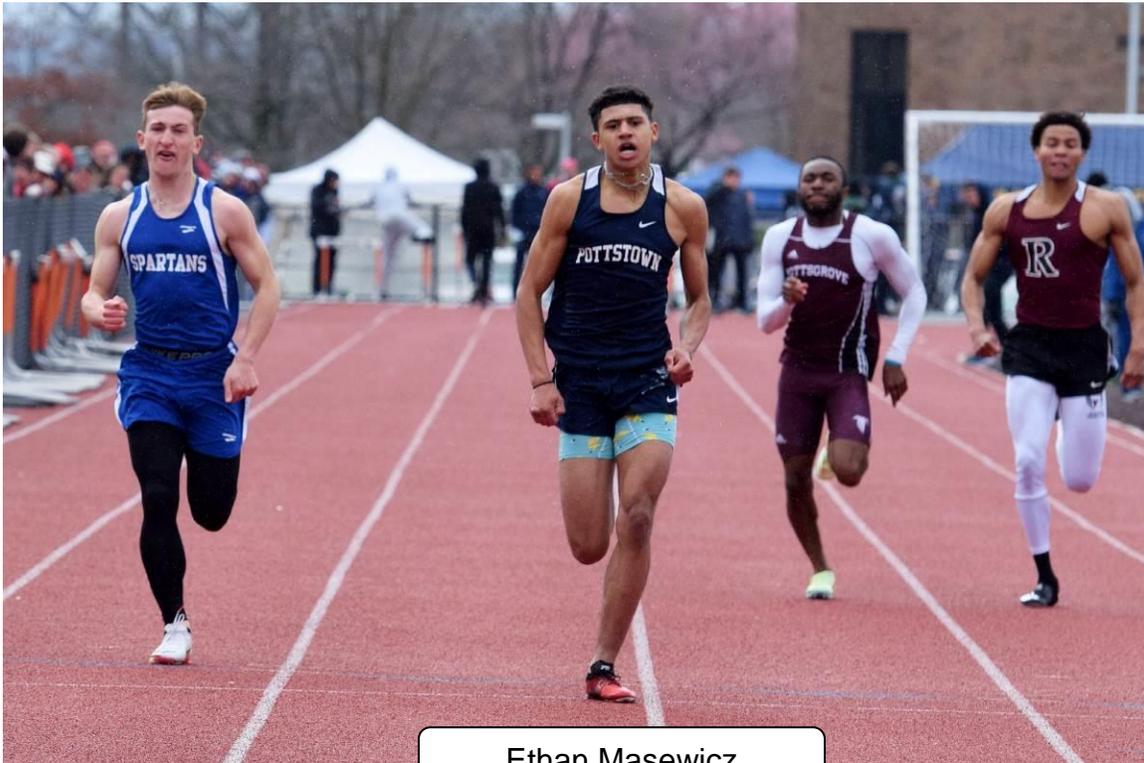
#### **Place winners for the boys were:**

- Ethan Masewicz - 1st place in the 200 meters and 1st in the 400 meters with a time of 49.8, which ranks him in the top 10 best times in the state
- RaShean Bostic - 1st place in Long Jump 20'-6" which ranks in the state top 50
- The 4x100 meter relay team of Chris Thomas, Tyrese Washington, Izaiyah Wilkerson, RaShean Bostic placed 4<sup>th</sup>
- The 4x400 meter relay team of Tyrese Washington, Izaiyah Wilkerson, RaShean Bostic, Ethan Masewicz placed 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### **Place winners for the girls were: (Personal Best Records Set)**

- Ashley Weller (sophomore) discus throw of 73 feet 7 inches
- Nashiya Dowling (freshman) 200 meters in 27.96
- Mia Bolman (sophomore) 800 meters in 3:06.9
- Lily Fetterman (junior) 400 meters in 1.19.82
- Mikayla DeLuca (junior) ran the 100 hurdles in 23.11

Medals won and records broken are all a result of hard work paying off which is a good lesson to learn early in life and will result in real life success. Another reason we say Proud to be from Pottstown!



Ethan Masewicz

## Indoors and Out Trojans Show Hard Work Pays Off

Congratulations to Layla Bearden and Arianna Torres, members of both the Winter Indoor and Spring track teams. Their hard work has paid off in constant improvement in their events of discus and shot put. Bearden started the winter season at the Kutztown Invitational, which drew over 700 competitors from several states. She put the shot 23 feet 3 inches finishing 13th out of 29 competitors. By the final meet of the season she had improved her distance by almost 3 feet with a throw of 26 feet.

Arianna made her debut at the Henderson Polar Bear meet throwing 22-01 and placing 10th overall. By the end of the season her throw of 31 feet 2 inches placed her 3rd overall. Trojan Proud of these student athletes who are proof that hard work pays off.



## Overcoming All Hurdles

Tyrese Washington led the Trojan track team at the Pioneer Athletic Conference Championships with a winning time of 14.83 seconds in the 110-meter hurdles. His time not only qualified him for the PIAA districts, but is one of the top ten times in the state. He also placed 2nd in the 300-meter hurdles.

Adam Green had a strong day with a 3rd place in the hurdles and 6th in the long jump.

The boys 4X100 relay team of Chris Thomas, RaShean Bostic, Braylon Tinson and Tyrese Washington placed 5th.

On the girls' side Ashley Weller took 6th in the shotput and Nashlya Dowling placed 8th in the 100 meters.



## **Overcoming Hurdles**

Learning how to overcome life's hurdles is something that can be learned by participating in sports. Congratulations to Pottstown High School boys' track student athlete **Tyrese Washington** who literally overcame the challenges of the 110-meter hurdles at the PIAA state championships to place 4th with a time of 14.63 seconds.

Trojan Proud ~ Hard Work Pays Off!



### **Named to the All Pioneer Athletic Conference First Team Frontier Division – 110 Hurdles**

- Tyrese Washington – Grade 10

### **Named to the All Pioneer Athletic Conference Honorable Mention Team Frontier Division – 110 Hurdles**

- Adam Green – Grade 11

### **Named to the All Pioneer Athletic Conference Second Team Frontier Division – 300 Hurdles**

- Tyrese Washington – Grade 10

### **Named to The Mercury All Area First Team – Boys' Track – 110 Hurdles**

- Tyrese Washington – Grade 10

### **Named to The Mercury All Area Second Team – Boys' Track – 300 Hurdles**

- Tyrese Washington – Grade 10

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

- Adam Green – Grade 11
- Ethan Masewicz – Grade 11

### **Named to The Mercury All Area Honorable Mention Team – Girl' Track**

- Nashiya Dowling – Grade 9
- Ashley Weller – Grade 10

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**Track Photos 2022**



# Boys and Girls Track Seniors 2022



Xzavier Francis Williams



Rashaun Mahario



Mylika Pernell



Annabelle Poston



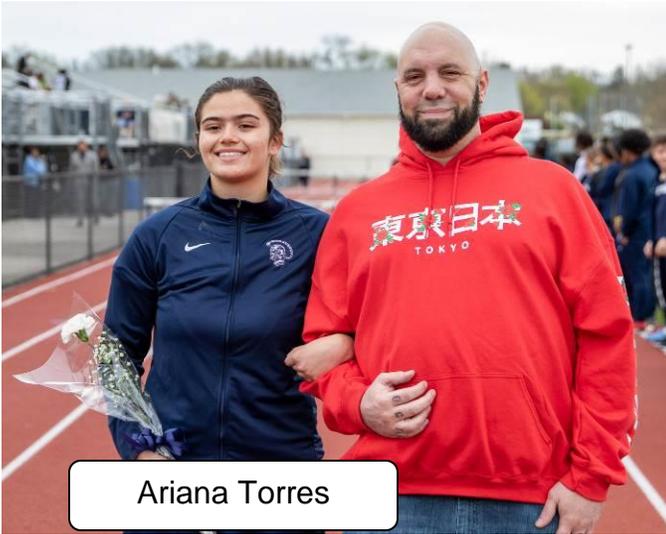
# Boys and Girls Track Seniors 2022



Jestyn Snyder



Braylon Tinson



Ariana Torres



Daniel Lee Williams Jr.



**PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE ALL ACADEMIC TEAM**

- Baseball - Enam Robinson
- Lacrosse - Keyora Frazier
- Softball - Tajera Bass
- Boys' Tennis - Tyler Harper
- Boys' Track - Daniel Williams
- Girls' Track - Ariana Torres

**PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CITIZEN ATHLETE AWARD**

- Daniel Williams



## FOOTBALL



### [Levert Hughes Named To Lead Trojans](#)

Congratulations to Mr. Levert Hughes on being named Pottstown High School Head Football Coach. Looking forward to you guiding our student athletes as they build the foundation for lifelong success.

## WRESTLING

### Trojan Wrestlers Pin Down Academics

Congratulations to the members of the Pottstown High School wrestling team, at the end of the third



marking period 15 of the 18 members of the team earned distinguished honors or honors. All members of the team remained academically eligible the entire season. Participating in co-curricular activities helps student athletes develop self-discipline, determination, resiliency, and strong work ethic. These are traits that carry over to other aspects of their life and translate into real world success. Help share the good news and more reasons to say, proud to be from Pottstown.

**Earning Distinguished Honors:** Kareem Leshar, Savannah Richards, Tyler Harper, Jonah Grice, Jesty Snyder, Devon Green, Gabe Roseo and Kennday Cole (scorekeeper)

**Earning Honors:** Jadon Wizumerski, Alexis Demeter, Phoenix Rhoads, Tyrese Washington, Malachi Jones, Mia Bumbarger, and Evan Smith

## Student Athlete Earns All State Honors

Congratulations to Pottstown High School Girls Basketball player **Trinell Watson** on earning all-state honors. She was named to the 3rd team Pennsylvania Sports Writers All State Team. Trinell was the Pioneer Athletic Conference top scorer at 23.1 points per game and finished her career with 1,259 career points, the 12th Pottstown player to score more than 1,000. She also averaged 6.7 rebounds and 3.8 steals for the Trojans. Trinell is an all-round team player who made every second count. Her hard work has paid off with all-state honors and has given us another reason to say, "Proud to be from Pottstown."



## Trojans Show Their Talent On National Level

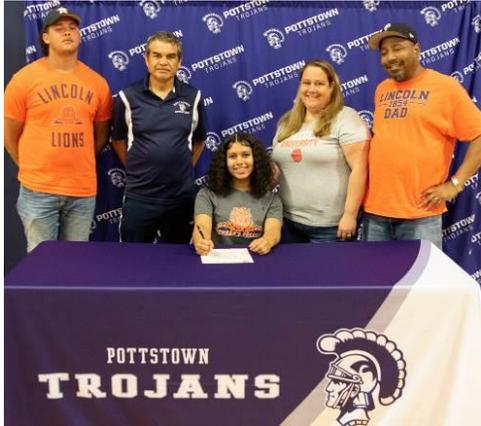
Pottstown High School senior members of the girls' soccer team, Yasmin Paez and Kaleigh Martin, are helping their under 19 travel team, West-Mont United to a highly successful season. Recently, they went 4-0 to win the Columbia Invitational and are ranked 5th in the nation. Trojan Proud to see their hard work pay off. Best of luck to them in the upcoming state championships.



# PHS Student Athletes Commit to Higher Education

Trojan Proud of our Pottstown High School senior student athletes who have committed to furthering their academic and athletic careers at post-secondary education institutions. They have demonstrated that hard work pays off on the playing field and in the classroom. They are proud representatives of our school and community. Recently they and their families took part in a college commitment signing event held at Pottstown High School. Those making the commitment included:

➤ **Calista Daye - Lincoln University – Soccer**



➤ **Jacob Moser - Clark Summit University – Soccer**



➤ **John Cranford - Lackawanna College - Football**



➤ **Jestyn Snyder - Thaddeus Stevens College - Football**



➤ **Trinell Watson - Penn State Brandywine - Basketball**



➤ **Mia Bumbarger – Alvernia University – Wrestling (the first ever PHS female wrestler to commit to participate in college)**



## Boldly going where no woman has ever gone

That is what can be said of Pottstown High School female wrestler **Mia Bumbarger**. Mia becomes the first ever female Pottstown wrestler to commit to continuing both her academic and athletic career at an institution of higher learning. Mia will be attending Alvernia University. There is a great distinction to being the first in anything, knowing that no one else will ever be able to claim that title. Mia has distinguished herself both in the classroom and on the mat.

- During the regular season she took first place in all female tournaments at Pottstown and Governor Mifflin.
- She held her own at the Marple Newtown tournament competing against all boys, she placed sixth.
- At the MyHouse all female competitions she was a southeastern regional champ and a state place winner.
- She was named to the Mercury All Area Honorable Mention Team.

Her work ethic, self-discipline, and determination have served as a role model for her teammates. She competes with the heart of a lion and the eye of the tiger. Her success both on and off the mat gives more proof to the fact that hard work pays off.



**POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT - 2021-2022 FOURTH MARKING PERIOD HONOR ROLL**

**Barth Elementary School - Grade 3**

Haylen	Anderson
Sa'Bri	Billops-Richardson
Nusaibah	Bint-Jamal
Charlie	Calano
Franklin	Chabla Calle
Makayla	Charles
Santiago	Diaz
Nevaeh	DiBiaggio
Zakery	Frazier
Jayde	Gray
Ilyas	Ingram
Averianah	Johnson
Aiden	Leach Witherspoon
JC Carson	Magturo
Troy	McCalvin
Scarlett	McElroy
Jackson	Raudenbush
Kevin	Rivera Gonzalez
Semaj	Rush
Aryelle	Singleton-May
Jeffrey	Stalker
Jayden	Stokes
Ryan	Zukoski

**Barth Elementary School - Grade 4**

Cielo	Del Angel
Brianna	Di Chiara
Justice	Ford
Kaderine	Franco-Donis
Julian	Granozio
Joseph	Grauber
Payton	Hall
Ava	Harris
Shylaj	Hine
Chloe	Kinzel
Ayva	Kletzing
Jayden	Mattis
Isaiah	McGoldrick-Cheeseboro
Benjamin	Moser
Na'ilah	Phillips
Anthony	Ritschard
Kiara	Sanchez
Jacqueline	Santiago
Essence	Wright
Tysheed	Wright

**Franklin Elementary School - Grade 3**

Genesis	Ashford-Harvey
Kaylee	Barton
Myla	Bayne
Cassidy	Bennett
Blake	Brown
Karter	Burns
Angel	Chiroy Disla
Giovanni	Conigliaro
Jaydah-Marie	Davis
Milan	Everette
Joel	Geiger
Sienna	Gonzalez
Angel	Gorman-Nealy
Tyeisha	Hall
Mila	Harkin
Eric	Harvey
Charleigh	Katch
Leonardo	Krasley
George	Lilly
Vada	Lutz-Antonelli
Adrian	Ogando
Malayah	Ray
Brandon	Ricketts
Melinda	Rosado-Lutz
Isaac	Shifflette
Cecelia	Sloss
Jerimiah	Sprual
Sa'ige	Trott-Wright
Tiyanna	Walton
Evalee	Wyatt
Manuel	Zepeda

**Franklin Elementary School - Grade 4**

Isabella	Amador
Emma	Campbell
Luke	Carvalho
Christopher	Chavers
Adelynn	Coles
Noah	Conbeer
Zeriah	Fairel
Jacqueline	Foster
Patrick	Galamba
Owen	Gofus
Sebastian	Haberle
Devin	Harkin
Callie	Harper
Hannah	Jaycox
Aaron	Kahn
Ky'Ayer	McCalvin
Landon	Nhim
Kenzie	Pallay-Williams
Chase	Pittman-Bookard
Brody	Shepet
Elayna	Soos
Ashirah	Still
Oliver	Trout
Paige	Verdejo
Elizabeth	Wasylkowski
Jeremi	Wesley
Dayton	Wheeler
Ohave	Wolloh

**POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT - 2021-2022 FOURTH MARKING PERIOD HONOR ROLL**

**Lincoln Elementary School - Grade 3**

Stella	Banta
Simon'e	Bookard-Thomas
Yannelly	Castaneda Masin
Lorelei	Cruz-Timinski
Brayden	DeBoer
Aniyah	Dodd
Ian	Dunn
Elena	Eidell
Brandon	Escartin
Ariah	Gibson
William	Grebe
Oliver	Hudy
Genesis	Jeter
Cillian	Jones
Joshua	Killian
Kameron	Lewis-Lesher
Eric	Marquez Estrada
Amy	Martinez-Hernandez
Bella	Pollock
Ewad	Selmi
Ronan	Velasquez
Nathan	Wiglusz
Sariyah	Williams
Nora	Zuniga

**Lincoln Elementary School - Grade 4**

Brayden	Allen
David	Almonte
Noah	Applegate
Andrew	Aviles
Luis	Barreno Cordova
Lily	Beach
Jacob	Blackwell
Elijah	Coleman
Amiliya	Conrad
Anora	Crosbie
Reagan	Culbreath
Robert	Cusamano
Ember	Dunn
Mason	Egolf
Brian	Gonzalez-Guardado
Mario	Gonzalez-Guardado
Ava	Gulbish
Breann	Henning
Brayden	Hoffmaster
Messiah	Holder
Ilynn	Johnson
Anica	Kerrick
Mariah	Laboy
Aria	Lacey
Anthony	Law
Jo'Scirah	Miller
Jahmai	Molina Lorenzo
Liam	Moser
Colby	Moyer
Chandler	Peaco
Feby	Perez Domingo
Karisa	Rivera
Alexis	Seidle
Armani	Starling
Samuel	Sullivan-Mack
Aiden	Torres-Sirmans
Chase	Vogt
Layla	Williams
Matthew	Yost

**Rupert Elementary School - Grade 3**

Adeiyé	Aina
Mila	Boyce
Derrick	Callahan
Sebastian	Fegeley
Samantha	Garcia
Amari	Jackson
Leroy	Majors
Jace	McClincy
Madysen-Monroe	Moye
Kennedy	Nance
Charlee	Nickle
Francis	Powell
Kayvion	Reinert-Cotton
Aidan	Rhoads
Daniel	Rodriguez
Ellie	Stauffer
Matthew	Stingone
Hudab	Tariq
Serenity	Trejo
Bailey	Wentzel
Amira	Williams

**Rupert Elementary School - Grade 4**

Aidan	Branagh
Tyair	Brown
Sophia	Carter
Aaliyah	Dubost
Liam	Hawk
Breanna	Hillegas
Shaniyah	Knapke
Eva	Lamperez
Kay'dense	Nagir
Jannah	Robinson
Jairus	Sallad
Caelan	Singer
Haley	Soto
Hayden	Soto
Elizabeth	Stewart
Kaidon	Terpoilli
Ronan	White
Ezrah	Wilkerson

**POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT - 2021-2022 FOURTH MARKING PERIOD HONOR ROLL**

**PMS - Grade 5 Distinguished Honors**

Julietta	Aguilera Macias
Rania	Ait Lqol
Rhiannon	Bielawski
Kimberly	Chhern
Natasha	Clemens
Grace	Eby
John	Ellwanger
Lucien	Fair
Landon	Ford
Clara	Johnson
Abdul-Aziz	Knuckles
Madison	Llewellyn
Gianna	Miles
Meredith	Pope
Elizabeth	Reazor
Daniel	Redrovan
Thomas	Rose
Adriana	Salazar-Lopez

**PMS - Grade 6 Distinguished Honors**

Ariel	Cortes
Maya	Elgendy
Felicia	Fry
Lillian	Green
Cayden	Hayes
Leyna	Johnson
Ezra	King
Kamryn	King
Alejandro	Maldonado-Rivas
Brielle	Mathias
Jaelynn	McCray
Symphany	Morefield-Diaz
Catherine	Pineda Penate
Royer	Rodriguez
William	Rose
Skylar	Shivak
Lucy	Zuniga

**PMS - Grade 7 Distinguished Honors**

Dimitrus	Alston
Essence	Brown
Cheyenne	Flamer
Josue	Funes
McKenzee	Richey
Dillin	Thong
Colin	White
Ayden	Yantz

**PMS - Grade 8 Distinguished Honors**

Ava	Alessi
Leah	Blackwell
Alivia	Boyer
Annasophia	Chhern
Michelle	Cocar Paredes
Brandon	Davis
Eric	Davis
Isabella	Deluca
Austin	Derstine
Wesam	Elgendy
Gaige	Harsh
Jayanna	Hill
Arek	Javage
Joseph	Kletzing
Leslye	Manzanares
Megan	McGinn
Shazia	Mendez
Justina	Nhim
Nye	Powell
Adriana	Reyes-Jones
Triniti	Rhodes-Fisher
Ciara	Rios
Ana	Salazar Lopez
Garrett	Shope
Natalie	Shope
Ethan	Ung
Isabella	Wright

**PMS - Grade 5 Honors**

Erin	Alessi
Emma	Allen
Harmony	Anderson
Rosio	Avila Aquilon
Peyton	Bennetch-Small
Mason	Berry
Aaliyah	Broomes
Aziyah	Brown
Nery	Castillo Chavez
Eric	Clay
Karen	Cocar
Jamison	Cochrane
Gabriella	Colon
Frank	Davila
Paul	Donohie
Kassidy	Drost
Alivia	Edde
Christian	Fisher
Ace	Folly
John	Gantert
Alexandra	Green
Jasmin	Guardado Vasquez
Murielle	Guerrier
Calliope	Hall
Logan	Heverly
Amiyah	Hill
Justin	Horne
Axel	Hunter
Thomas	Inthaphone
Stephen	Jackson
Qahira	Jones
Cora	Katch
Leah	Kay
KateLynn	Kearney
Miya	Kletzing
Gabriella	Krasley
Evan	Krestel
Oliver	Leonard

**POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT - 2021-2022 FOURTH MARKING PERIOD HONOR ROLL**

**PMS - Grade 5 Honors Continued**

Isabella	LePore
Jesse	Linares
Kaylee	Lowman
Kennedy	Marshall
Richard	McKethan
Cole	McLaughlin
Aiden	Ondik
Lexi	Oswald
Amy	Palma
Leonardo	Ramos Juarez
Joshua	Reifsneider
Aurora	Schwartz
Cody	Sheeran
Edward	Sloss
Jonah	Smith
Taj	Smith
Ryan	Stilwell
Hollis	Strohl
Tiana	Thompson
Kayleb	Torres-Sirmans
Danielle	Trabucco
Haiden	Wade
Isabella	Wagner
Corey	Wallner
Taliyah	Walton
Camille	White
Christazja	White
Laila	White
Seth	Yanessa

**PMS - Grade 6 Honors**

Maliah	Agudio
Shahed	Aljashoubi
Savana	Bauman
Meleena	Bisram
Nicole	Castillo
Lexi	Chaney
Peyton	Coale
Dahlia	Dowling
Jacob	DuVal
Autumn	Fair
Starr	Gratz
Maria	Guardado-Sanchez
Kenzie	Hanna
Cheyenne	Hoffman
Kemyr	Isaac
Levi	Jaycox
Iyanna	Johnson
Shambria	Johnson
Aislin	Kimbro
Carlos	Marin-Sanchez
Audra	Masewicz
Aubrey	O'Blosser
Maliya	Perez
Casey	Perry
Makaila	Plummer
Deston	Purnell
La'Ticea	Rodriguez
Olivia	Rodriguez
Zacarias	Rodriguez
Bradley	Saylor
Avaliyah	Scurry
Scarlett	Shivak
Brooke	Valerio
Zachary	Waters
Gianna	Whitehurst
Za'Mirah	Whitley
Aaron	Williams
Izzabella	Williams

**PMS - Grade 6 Honors Continued**

Marcus	Williams
Alanna	Yancy
Owen	Yocom
Dennis	Yost

**PMS - Grade 7 Honors**

Bryan	Baryeh
Jayden	Bell
Alyssa	Broughton
Brianna	Bui
Ariyana	Carr
Santiago	Castillo
Layla	Davis
Alexander	Delgado
Ashton	Felix
Ayla	Folly
Trevor	Ford
Chastelyn	Gonzalez Galarza
Tara	Guyer
Trinity	Hall
Walter	Hoey
Jayden	Kooker
Addison	Lafferty
Maya	Lilick
Riley	Maguire
Alexander	Marin Sanchez
Olivia	McCauley
Montrell	Peterson
Kayla	Puth
Carliam	Rodriguez Vazquez
Christopher	Rose
Rooney	Salazar Villanueva

**POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT - 2021-2022 FOURTH MARKING PERIOD HONOR ROLL**

**PMS - Grade 8 Honors**

Christiana	Allen
Jordyn	Allford
Marcus	Andrews
Zyla	Burke
Mariah	Covert
Iyonna	Elliott
Saniyah	Fox
Arianna	Gatlin
Troy	Gross
Josiah	Lamar
Savannah	Llewellyn
Ana	Maldonado-Lucas
Omar'ia	Miller
Carice	Peart
Mikayla	Perkins
Zaila	Redden
Johan	Rivera
Skylar	Romano
Trinity	Santiago
Brighton	Scott
Sarabeth	Shifflette
Ziyonna	Shockley
Arian	Tinson
Emely	Villegas
Aiden	Weiss
Cianne	Wells
Masi	Whealton
Desiyah	Wilson
Anaya	Young

**PHS - Grade 9 Distinguished Honors**

Diego	Aguilera
Allora	Arnold
Patrick	Auman
Makayla	Barnes
Ambriana	Baryeh
Cheynin	Boyer
Daniela	Castillo
Jasmine	Champlin
Angel	Chavous
Olivia	Chin
Jareth	Clark
Ethan	Collins
Aniyah	Crump
Lunna	Davila
Ma'layja	Dodd
Abigail	Donohie
Evan	Draucker
Naden	Elgendy
Juan	Ferreira
Lili	Freese
Alexander	Garber
Yanelis	Garcia De La Cruz
Cindy	Garcia Villegas
Jacob	Givens
Crystal	Gonzalez Guardado
Mahogany	Hill
Imani	Jeter
Alexander	Jimenez Rosales
Aiden	Kancianic
Emanuel	Lagunes Cruz
Terelle	Lowery
Taylor	Maguire
Trevor	Marley
Pedro	Martinez Guardado
Reece	Murphy
Kai	O'Brien
Carillio	Oquendo
Miranda	Pineda

**PHS - Grade 9 Distinguished Honors**

**Continued**

Jahiem	Pratt
Diamyn	Rainey
Joel	Rubincam
Julia	Smith
Kyairah	Smith
Jamia	Sutton
Christopher	Thomas
Chase	Thornton
Ava	Vilain
Aniyah	Wells
Aimee	White

**PHS - Grade 10 Distinguished Honors**

Elizabeth	Adedeji
Adam	Alaoui
Peyton	Bayne
Layla	Bearden
Peyton	Benfield
Nahzier	Booker
Jordan	Bowen
Tyler	Broughton
Megan	Cannell
Emily	Castillo
Angelina	Chhern
Rosario	Clemens
Nicholas	Cohen Arena
Simir	Coleman
Leilandi	Davis
Dominic	DiPietro
Dalajah	Dowling
Regina	Fleming
Marcus	Fowlkes
Makenna	Franey
Christopher	Fuentes
Jade	Garber
Samuel	Guardado Sanchez
Myles	Hancock

**POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT - 2021-2022 FOURTH MARKING PERIOD HONOR ROLL**

**PHS – Grade 10 Distinguished Honors**

**Continued**

Mehki	Jenkins Glover
Steven	Jimenez Gomez
Julia	Kulp
Baden	Landy
Keiara	Lesley
Kaylee	Loughlin
Brynn	McClune
Tara	Morgan
Grayce	Morton
Ashley	Ormston
Helen	Ortega
Najae	Perez
Katerine	Reina
Savannah	Richards
Sophia	Russo
Tyler	Santiago
Devon	Smith
Makayla	Smith
Austin	Sundstrom
Brooke	Thomas
Christian	Toland
Tyrese	Washington
Chloe	Weiss
Ethan	Yost

**PHS - Grade 11 Distinguished Honors**

Bailey	Bayne
Alexis	Beckett
Christopher	Chhern
John	Cipollini
Anna	Coale
Kyle	Corbin
D'Asiah	Davis
Daishawnia	Dean
Margaret	DiPietro
Abigail	Eagle
Abdel	Elgendy
Henry	Fetterman
Lilian	Fetterman
Jamie	Freese
Derek	Gephart
Ariana	Gilmore
Keishla	Gonzalez-Galarza
Adam	Green
Faith	Hammer
Charles	Hartman
Olivia	Hickey
Gabriel	Hicks
Jahmere	Jackson
Jihad	Jeter
Jevohn	Jones
William	Levey
Krissa	Linderman
David	Mackewicz III
Jocelyn	Malauulu
Elise	Marley
Jordan	Mest
Kiera	Moyer
Derick	Nunez Menjivar
Rose	Oberholtzer
Alice	Pan
Ian	Salisbury
Alianna	Samuel
Anas	Selmi

**PHS – Grade 11 Distinguished Honors**

**Continued**

Avery	Shope
Leah	Smith
Jordan	Stevenson
London	Trout
Leigha	Walton
Kasaundra	Wesley
Ceaira	Worrell-Tilghman

**PHS - Grade 12 Distinguished Honors**

Angel	Banks
Tajera	Bass
Noah	Bolman
Madeline	Bruton
Madison	Carberry
Ramya	Carpenter
Michelle	Castillo
Kennedy	Cole
Calista	Daye
Colin	Dellaquila
Anthony	DiPietro
Erynn	Dunning
Nada	Elgendy
Jacob	Fisher
Storm	Gatheca
Hailey	Gerrish
Makenzie	Grepps
Jonah	Grice
Darren	Groff
Beatriz	Guardado
Tyler	Harper
Jaida	Harris
Tyler	Hill
Jeremiah	Jackson
Gerle	Jimenez Gomez
Maria	Jimenez
JoLaila	Lamarre
Michael	Lilick

**POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT - 2021-2022 FOURTH MARKING PERIOD HONOR ROLL**

**PHS – Grade 12 Distinguished Honors**

**Continued**

Kaleigh	Martin
Aaron	Mayes
Ja'Zell	Meade
Zachary	Mitchell
Kamari	Moore
Jacob	Moser
Mackenzie	Moser
Allison	Ormston
Yasmin	Paez
Jessie	Palma-Huitzila
Mylika	Pernell
Anthony	Pinos-Castillo
Annabelle	Poston
Derrick	Powell
Cesai	Ramos
Jesseny	Redrovan
Jessica	Rivera
Enam	Robinson
Gabriel	Roseo
Rafi	Sanchez
Thomas	Santiago
Jestyn	Snyder
Ryan	Szczepanik
Braylon	Tinson
Ariana	Torres
Destiny	Torres
Lacie	Townsend
Daniel	Williams
Jayniana	Williams
Jueal	Williams

**PHS - Grade 9 Honors**

Madison	Beard
Ebony	Brown
Robert	Colvin
Angeline	Costa
Ezriel	Felder
Imani	Galloway
Dayliah	Gans
Ashley	Gatheca
Alyssa	Gibbs
Amirah	Graves
Aubree	Harsh
Gabriella	Horne
Gianni	Mahario
Jennifer	Maldonado
Raheemah	Manning
Mikal	Nance
Shawn	Pallay Williams
Janette	Penate
Nuriddin	Rogers-Clyde
Layonna	Scretching
Aniah	Smith
Colson	Strohl
Skyler	Walker
Ja-Nyai	White
Jayla	White
Jadon	Wiszumerski
Olivia	Woodley

**PHS - Grade 10 Honors**

Janaiya	Baker
Natalia	Banks
Dylan	Basile
Madison	Beasley
Aleiyah	Berrios-Brooks
Mia	Bolman
Chris	Chiroy Disla
Ava	Collier
Anye	Crawford
Ryan	Davis
Michael	Delgado
Avery	Dimino
Naeem	Dover
Julissa	Gandaria Miguel
Alina	Harrington
Amber	Heater
Dane	Jensen-Sellers
Lindsay	Knittle
Anthony	Kutsch
Claire	McCord
Sarish	Mendez Rivera
Aiden	Miller
Jarius	Minor
Mahmoud	Mohamed Ahmed
Gabriela	Pagan
Alyssa	Pearson
Kiersten	Pennypacker
Hadiaa	Poland-Brown
Jayden	Pray
Jachob	Pusicz
Daimin	Renninger
Phoenix	Rhoads
Duha	Selmi
Jibriah	Sydnor
Alona	Tinson
Mylika	Tinson
Vida	Torres-Camacho
Ashley	Weller

**POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT - 2021-2022 FOURTH MARKING PERIOD HONOR ROLL**

**PHS – Grade 10 Honors Continued**

Keshawn	Young
Saryah	Young
Jayla	Zipay

**PHS - Grade 11 Honors**

Sabrina	Albert
Samuel	Bainbridge
Bryan	Bodnar
Brandon	Bryant
Vinicius	Candido Santana
Justin	Castillo
Anaeja	Charles
Hannah Jane	Daniels
Brielle	Davis
Nicole	Daye
Mark	Ellison
Ganaelle	Felicien
Yasmeen	Felton
Spencer	Gatheca
Diamond	Harris
Alana	Hayward
Melody	Jackson
Malachi	Jones
Krista	Leinbach
Katlyn	Levengood
Ethan	Masewicz
Zakiyah	Mclean
Joel	Mundo
Michael	Negron Vega
Hunter	Patten
Wilfred	Perez
Jibrel	Pratt
Fredy	Rodriguez
Danielle	Rubincam
Ethan	Smith
Dominic	Tammaro
Jordan	Wabish
Serin	Warneke
Abdur-Rahman	Watson
Oralee	Wilson
Caleb	Yocom

**PHS - Grade 12 Honors**

Amber	Adamski
Mia	Bumbarger
Darron	Daniels
Krystal	Dixon
Keyora	Frazier
Kristopher	Garber
Anaya	Jones
Jared	Long
Patrick	OConnor
Ny'Ajah	Osbourne-Warren
Amayah	Scurry
Qeyanni	Shawell
Skylar	Smith
Desmond	Suber
Jonerah	Vinson
Trinell	Watson
Nerissa	Yost

# STAFF

## Pottstown Mayor, Superintendent Lead From The Front

Pottstown is a community that responds in times of need. Our mayor and superintendent lead from the front. Pottstown leadership is another reason to say [Proud to be from Pottstown](#).



Pottstown Mayor Stephanie Henrick, second from right, was not only on the scene of Thursday's home explosion, and Friday and Saturday, and at the prayer vigil Sunday, she also helped victims of the shooting and car crash two blocks away Sunday night. (Evan Brandt — MediaNews Group)



Superintendent Stephen Rodriguez



Director of Student Services,  
Dr. LaTanya White-Springfield



(Pictured: John Armato, Jenna Armato, and Marlene Armato)

For over 50 years, this couple (John and Marlene Armato) have dedicated their lives to the students, parents, and staff, as well as the educational and co-curricular programs of our district and community. Several months ago, Borough Council unanimously approved renaming part of Franklin Street in their honor, between our middle and high school, where daily, hundreds of students and cars travel. This sign is a reminder to us all that standing up for your community, getting involved, and showing up can have such a positive effect. It was an honor to be a part of the dedication ceremony which commemorated both Marlene and John as a couple dedicated to the people of this town.

***When you see them, be sure to thank them for being living, lifelong examples of why we say, "Proud to be from Pottstown!!"***

# HIGH SCHOOL

## A STEPP in the right direction

Pottstown High School Transition Coordinator Jace Stofflet is helping students prepare to take a successful step into the work world. STEPP (Secondary Transition and Employment Program of Pottstown) pairs local business partners with students for a work study program during the school day. Thanks to ABC6 News for helping to tell the story and another reason to say, proud to be from Pottstown.



## Students earn high scores on 4-way test

Pottstown High School was well represented at the annual Pottstown Rotary four-way test speech contest. **Nada Elgendy, Madison Carberry, and Mark Ellison** delivered insightful and thought-provoking talks about gun violence, fair funding in education, and advertising to youth.



Each student gave a seven-minute speech using the Rotary four-way test to defend their position. A panel of judges selected **Madison** the overall winner. She will represent the Pottstown chapter at the regional Rotary contest. Teachers Diane Fox and Diane Brothers serve as advisors to the high school Rotary Interact club where the students auditioned their talks and received constructive feedback on how to improve. Brothers said of the three, "They are excellent representatives of our school and community. I am excited that these are our leaders of today, tomorrow, and the future to come. They give us another reason to say Proud to be from Pottstown."

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## High School Reading Olympic Team Brings Home Honors

Congratulations to the members of the Pottstown High School Reading Olympics Team. The team placed 3rd, earning a green ribbon out of 20 teams at the MCIU Reading Olympics High School Event! Thanks to their advisors, high school librarian Kristen Ellis and teacher Laura Luzeski supporting and helping to prepare the team for competition.

Ms. Ellis said, "We are very proud of the team. They put in many hours of preparation and on game day used skills in collaborating on answering the rapid-fire questions."

### Team Members included:

Seniors – Captain - Faith Nichols, Beatriz Guardado, Hailey Gerrish & Madison Carberry

Juniors - Jocelyn Malauulu, Mark Ellison & Avery Shope

Sophomores - Dani Donhauser, Katerine Reina

Freshman - Cindy Garcia Villegas



## **California Dreaming Becomes Reality**

Trojan Proud of Pottstown High School Senior **Jayniana Williams** she is proof that hard work can make dreams come true. Next year she will be attending Stanford University on a full academic scholarship. Read what she has to say as she reflects on her high school experience and looks to the future:



**Where will you be going to school:** Stanford University

**What if any kind of scholarship did you receive:** Stanford Fund Scholarship  
(Covers cost of tuition, room and board, and other student expenses)

**What do you plan to major in:** I plan to major in human biology with a concentration in global health. Stanford is perfect for me because of its interdisciplinary approach to academics, which will allow me to study various topics that peak my interest: foreign languages, business, and arts.

**What are your career goals:** I will become a physician who specializes in pediatric oncology or aesthetics, ultimately opening my own practice as a business owner.

**What do you look forward to about the college experience:** I look forward to the challenge that an institution like Stanford University presents. Journeying outside of my comfort zone and learning something new from people who perform at the top of their fields is exciting to me.

**What do you think about going so far from home:** Moving almost 3,000 miles away from home is frightening, however the unconditional support from family and friends never fades away. The beautiful weather on the Golden Coast of California makes the transition even better!

**Which high school classes do you think have best prepared you for the future:** Career and technical courses such as health tech, finance, and economics, have best prepared me for the real world. As a Montco Dual Enrollment student, I took courses like sociology and cultural competency. These hands-on courses enabled me to ask complex real-world questions and gain insight from people who originate from diverse backgrounds.

**Who has made a positive impact on your life:** My mother, who built a family and forged a legacy as a single parent, is my inspiration. Her strength reminds me of the power of unconditional love, as a means to create a better tomorrow. She is the type of woman I aspire to be.



**Any words of wisdom for underclassmen:** The moment you decide that your education is a gift rather than a burden, you are unstoppable. I know that it's common to grow tired of the education system, however it's vital to remember that someone fought for you to be in the position you are in - to have the luxury of an education. Knowledge is power; if you are the smartest person in the room, you are in the wrong place.



**What makes you proud to be a Trojan:** Each student from Pottstown possesses their own unique strength because we encounter hurdles that people from affluent backgrounds never do. Being a Trojan is symbolic of the resilience that exists in our community. I'm proud to be a Trojan, as we are stronger because of where we come from.

**Jayniana Williams, another reason to say Proud to be from Pottstown.**

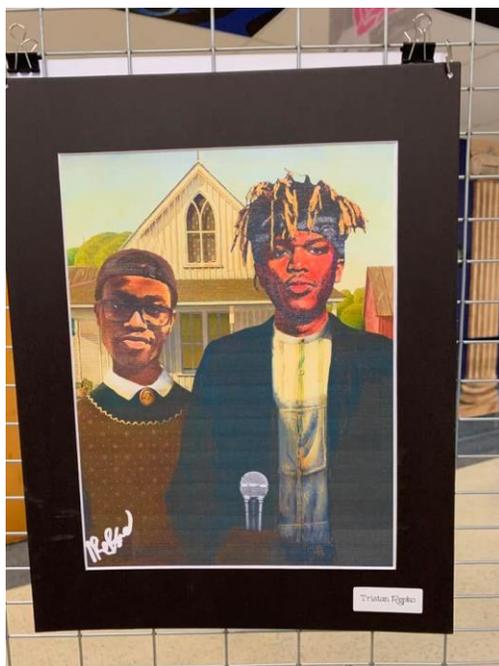
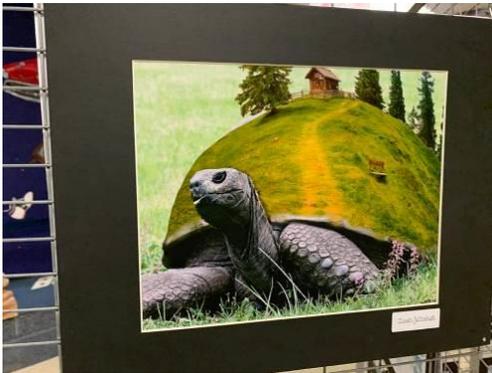
## Trojan Connection

PHS cafeteria at the end of the school day was the scene of the first Trojan Reconnection event. Students and teachers came together to share some after school hours and enjoy food, fun and activities. Great opportunity for teachers and students to enjoy each other's company in a non-classroom setting. Thanks to our CTE Director Mrs. Baller, students enjoyed some homemade ice cream Sundays. Apparently, some of our teachers have done moonlighting at a pizza shop as they demonstrate their skills to make pizzas from scratch. They were lots of activities including a very competitive ping-pong tournament. A number of our students tried out their artistic skills as our teacher Mrs. Yoder led them through an activity where they created their own oil paintings. Looking forward to our next Trojan reconnection event.



## Art on Display

Trojan Proud of our PHS art students. They have used their talents, creativity and imagination to express their feelings and thoughts. Their work was on display in the lobby area of the high school. Another reason we say, proud to be from Pottstown.



## **PHS Auto Technology - We Can Fix That!**

Pottstown High School is one of the few high schools in the state that offers both academic and career technical classes in the same building. Superintendent of Schools Stephen Rodriguez put his trust in PHS auto students to service his vehicle. Speaking about the students and the program he said, "They are team oriented, careful, thoughtful and thorough in their work."



Our career tech programs are outstanding and give us more reason to say proud to be from Pottstown. The career technology classes provide services to the community at very reasonable rates. The auto program is booked for the rest of this school year, but you can contact the instructor at [mhewitt@pottstownk12.org](mailto:mhewitt@pottstownk12.org) to make appointments for the 2022-23 school year.

## **Building a Better Mousetrap**

Student teams from both Pottstown High School and Middle School competed in the Mousetrap Car Competition sponsored by Dana Corp. and Purdue University.

The high school team of tenth graders Austin Sundstrom and Mehki Jenkins-Glover took first place in the high school division

Eighth graders Caden Nihart and Nye Powell placed first in the middle school division.



With the support of high school engineering teacher Mr. Andy Bachman and math teacher Jennie Falco, students worked several weeks after school hours in the Engineering Lab designing and building their cars. They also developed presentations to share with the 3-judge panel.

Austin and Mehki's car was limited only by the short length of the YMCA gym, where the competition took place. It hit a wall at 100 feet and still had over 90 degrees of travel left on the mousetrap spring. More proof that hard work pays off; both teams earned a fully funded, week-long, STEM summer camp at Purdue University. Congratulations! Thanks for giving us more reason to say, proud to be from Pottstown.

Trojan Proud of our Pottstown High School engineering students and their teacher Mr. Andy Bachman. Teams of students put their classroom lessons to life as they designed and built go karts. Later this month four of our students, Mehki Jenkins-Glover -Gr. 10, Austin Sundstrom -Gr. 10, Caden Nihart -Gr. 8, and Nye Powell -Gr. 8 along with Mr. Bachman will be attending a weeklong STEM academy, sponsored by our local Dana that will be held at Purdue University.

## The Bachman Report

Trojan Proud of our students and high school Engineering teacher, Mr. Andy Bachman. Last month the students won a STEM Mousetrap Car Competition, sponsored by our local Dana Corporation. The students along with Mr. Bachman will be attending a weeklong STEM academy held at Purdue University.

Students, Mehki Jenkins-Glover, Austin Sundstrom, Caden Nihart and Nye Powell along with Mr. Bachman will have an opportunity to study, experiment, and learn at one of the finest schools in the country. You can follow their academic adventure daily with this link to [The BACHMAN REPORT](#). Please see the link above to his photo album of the PHS Engineering Team (joined by students from others schools) as they travel to Purdue University. Check in the morning to see previous day's events.



## BACHMAN REPORT UPDATE

June 26-28, 2022

Here is the latest update from Mr. Bachman on the academic adventure of our students at the weeklong STEM academy held at Purdue University.

Caden Nihart and Nye Powell tested into the advanced group using ALEKS testing software.

These two students were in the classes in which the advanced Middle School students took their appropriate math class at the high school. This is a concept and program Mr. Decker and I have advocated and cultivated for several years.

Result: POSITIVE.

When listening at the door, I heard Domain, Range, function, and graphing. These terms are rudimentary for Pre-Calculus. OUR students were in THIS group! Proud to be from Pottstown!



## **PHS Students Earn Writing Honors**

Pottstown High School senior Yasmin Paez and freshman Miranda Pineda were recognized as winners of the 2021-2022 Hispanic Heritage essay contest. They each received \$100 awards which were presented at a dinner hosted by Centro Cultural Latinos Unidos (CCLU).

The National Council of Hispanic Employment Managers essay theme was "Esperanza" (Hope). In Yasmin's essay, "A Hopeful Potluck Dinner", she describes plates of food reflecting the home countries and cultures of her parents.



Miranda's entry "Growing Up Different" described her self-awareness of being different from her peers and her struggle to overcome the feelings.



Pottstown CCLU, located at 301 King Street, bridges the American and Latino cultures in the greater Pottstown area and connects families with needed educational, recreational, legal and health services.

## Preparing for Success

Mr. Bachman and the students of Pottstown High School engineering class are preparing for success at the next level. Students in the engineering program are learning the fundamentals by hands-on projects. Mr. Bachman has challenged three teams of students to design and build their own motorized go carts. Students use the fundamental engineering skills they have learned in the classroom combined with imagination and creativity to design and fabricate their entry which will be judged by Bachman. Students working together learn teambuilding and communication skills as they share ideas and learn by trial and error.



## National Honor Society Senior Celebration

Senior members of PHS National Honor Society and their families were recognized at a celebration hosted by the underclassmen. English teacher Mr. Cal Benfield was invited by the students to be the guest speaker, he praised their accomplishments and shared words of wisdom to carry them on their next journey in life.

Each senior received a personalized induction from an underclassman. Seniors shared school memories and gave advice to juniors to prepare them for their senior year.

Officers for the 2022-23 year were announced: Mark Ellison III - President, Abdelrahman Elgendy - Vice President, Abigail Eagle - Treasurer, Makayla Smith - Secretary.

Everyone enjoyed some relaxed group photos and the post event ice cream and cupcakes.

### Trojan Proud of our seniors:

- ❖ Ramya Carpenter
- ❖ Michelle Castillo
- ❖ Jimi Chavalaporn
- ❖ Nada Elgendy
- ❖ Ashley Giampetro
- ❖ Beatriz Guardado
- ❖ Kaleigh Martin
- ❖ Mackenzie Moser
- ❖ Allison Ormston
- ❖ Yasmin Paez
- ❖ Jesseny Redrovan
- ❖ Rafi Sanchez
- ❖ Ariana Torres
- ❖ Jayniana Williams
- ❖ Daniel Williams



<b>Senior Members</b>			
Ramya Carpenter - 1 year member			
*Michelle Castillo - 3 year member			
*Jimi Chavalaporn - 3 year member			
*Nada Elgendy - 3 year member			
Ashley Giampetro - 2 year member			
Beatriz Guardado - 3 year member			
Kaleigh Martin - 3 year member			
Mackenzie Moser - 3 year member			
Allison Ormston - 3 year member			
*Yasmin Paez - 3 year member			
Jesseny Redrovan - 3 year member			
Rafi Sanchez Jr - 2 year member			
Ariana Torres - 1 year member			
Daniel Williams Jr - 3 year member			
Jayniana Williams - 3 year member			
<b>Junior Members (Class of 23)</b>			
Leilani Alberto	Lilian Fetterman	William Levey	
Kyle Corbin	Ariana Gilmore	Jocelyn Malauulu	
Hannah Daniels	Keishla Gonzalez-Galarza	Eloee Marley	
Abigail Eagle	Devon Green	Avery Shope	
*Abdelrahman Elgendy	Charles Hartman	London Trout	
*Mark Ellison III	Gabriel Hicks	Leigha Walton	
Henry Fetterman		Sanaa Watson	
<b>Sophomore Members (Class of 24)</b>			
Elizabeth Adedeji	Emily Castillo	Tara Morgan	Savannah Richards
Layla Bearden	Angelina Chhern	Gabriela Pagan	Devon Smith
Peyton Benfield	Mehki Jenkins Glover	Alyssa Pearson	Makayla Smith
Tyler Broughton	Christian Morales	Najae Perez	Austin Sundstrom

\* Denotes 2021-2022 Officers

# "Senior Acceptance Day 5.4.22"



# Senior Awards Ceremony – May 10, 2022



# Congratulations!

# Senior Awards Ceremony – Jazz Band and Art Show



## Trojans Forever

Students in Mr. McNamara's entrepreneurship class designed and produced Trojan banners for the Class of 1962. Earl Kline, a member of the '62 class, thanked the students for the banners and said of his class, "It may be 60 years since we walked these same halls but, Once a Trojan - a Trojan Forever."



## Working for a living

Whether it is after high school, a trade school, or a four-year college, working for a living becomes a reality. Pottstown High School Career and College Counselor Susan Pritt organized a job fair to give students a look at what to expect. Onsite interviews were conducted as well as the opportunity to drive a bulldozer and crane through a simulator sponsored by H & K Equipment. Students received information about each company and asked questions about salary, benefits, hours, advancement, etc. The following companies are hiring: H & K Equipment, Precision, Frederick Living Home, Aerotek, Eklego, Shreiner Tree Care, System 22 Inc, Carlisle, Dometric, Nolan Painting, R&M Equipment, Sodexo, Global Advanced Metals, Old Navy, Navy, Marines, PA National Guard, Air Force, and the Army.



## Getting Graduation Season Started

The 2022 graduation season has started with the Pottstown School District Beech Street Learning Studio celebration of the program's 4th graduation class. The program provides online and blended class offerings that help prepare students to enter the workforce or pursue post-secondary educational opportunities. Learning coaches Sarah Clark, Dwayne Henry and Lemuel Brown provide personalized support for each student's educational plan. Since the program began, a total of 37 students have earned their high school diplomas.

The Class of 2022 includes: Cameron Brothers, Mikai Manley, Shiair Williams, Ty'Jaye Manning, Antoinette Stevens, Christopher Fleming, and Isaiah Agosto. Held at the Beech Street Learning Studio, family, teachers, district administrators and school board members joined in celebrating the students' success and encouraging them on to the next step in their success.



## **Pottstown High School's 142<sup>nd</sup> Commencement Ceremony – June 3, 2022**

This year's class of 181 graduates adds to the list of over 20,800 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 give us the 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 2022 Information**

The Class of 2022 is Pottstown High School's 142<sup>nd</sup> graduating class and includes the following:

- Class of 2022 Students
  - Number of girls – 90
  - Number of boys – 91
  
- Number of students who started and completed all of their education in Pottstown – 101
  
- Post High School Plans:
  - Continuing Education:
    - 4-year college/university - 58
    - 2-year college/university - 20
    - Trade/technical school - 24
  - Armed Services – 6
  - Work World – 23
  - Other (homemaker, unemployed, unknown, etc.) – 56
  
- Scholarships/Awards – total value for senior class - **\$2,137,599**

## Valedictorian – Beatriz Guardado



## Salutatorian – Jayniana Williams Senior Class President – Jayniana Williams



## **Valedictorian Speech – Beatriz Guardado**

When I first came into this high school, I was overwhelmed at the thought of roaming these halls. The school felt gigantic and foreign to me. Three years later, the school feels tinier than I remember. I'm used to the same blue lockers, the specked floors, wooden doors, etcetera. Although technically I've only roamed these halls for two and a half years, it still feels like the same old. Something I've explored every corner of—nothing is new now.

Sometimes I over think and make situations more than they are, and even though high school was daunting and dragged me through the mud, I came out cleaner than I expected. Right now, my mind is currently cycling through those same kinds of thoughts. Except now, it's about the future and what that might even look like. I'm trying to teach myself to be more realistic. It's simple to think black and white about what might happen down the line.

Granted, I'm not exactly an adult, but after today, it begins to mark the day that I start the journey into adulthood, we start that journey. High school was challenging for me, and the thought of having so many responsibilities was terrifying, the knowledge that this marks only the beginning of many milestones is relieving, but also scary.

I'd like to think that even though I have some small plan for where I'm headed, others are also wondering and fearful of their future. The realistic side of me is saying that my expectations can happen, but life also happens, so I'm not sure of anything. At the end of the day, my goal is to be comfortable in whatever my life situation is.

The intrusion of COVID two years ago oddly enough helped me figure out more about myself. I guess more time meant more time to be stuck in my head. These past experiences also made me realize how desensitized we were to the real world. Finding out that people I knew had passed away or that family members could die, made me realize that this was real. Unfortunately, some of us here have to celebrate our graduation with fewer people than we had hoped, but regardless of what you believe in, let's hope that they are looking down on us and smiling. And that they are proud. So many events have hit us these past years, disease, deaths, joys, triumphs, more than I can come up with off the top of my head.

The world has been in a lot of pain the past few weeks. We had our share of terrifying events with the house explosion that occurred last Thursday, the tragedies in Buffalo and Texas. We realize that none of us can ever anticipate tragedy, so what we must do is hope that these victims find some peace and we must also never forget the preciousness of life.

To my fellow graduate, again, even if some of us are completely, somewhat, or have no clue about where we are headed, I know our new, good memories will outweigh the terrible ones. We have all experienced god-awful things, even though most of us are at the ripe age of 18, so my hope and prayer is that whatever else comes, we will have the strength to overcome. Whatever we are doing after this--college, work, time off, or whatever, I hope that you all, myself too, can find comfort in whatever we are doing down the line.

I want to thank my family, family friends, my entourage of friends, and my teachers for helping me get through these past four years, and also for helping me become the person I am today. A special thanks to my mother for threatening me whenever I started to slack off. Honest to god for someone like me, I need someone behind me to get me to do things. Thank you, mom, my family, and just every person close to me. It's going to be terrifying, but I'm really curious about what's to come.

As we leave this field, this campus and walk towards an uncertain future, I hope we can try to remain optimistic about what might come. I just wanted to remind everyone, that as we go along with the rest of our lives, to try to be safe, be courageous, be happy. Regardless of our paths, here's to the rest of our lives.

## Salutatorian Speech - Jayniana Williams

Good evening friends, families, faculty, administrators, and of course the Class of 2022! It has been an honor to represent all of you, as Class President and to take the position as salutatorian. I am eternally grateful for being bestowed the opportunity to spend the most transformational years with you. Many of the graduates here have inspired me and given me everlasting insights. Please take the time to thank those who have paved the way for you to be here, but also thank yourself. We did it!

I'd like to extend my gratitude to all of the families and audience members who have propelled my fellow classmates forward, to this momentous occasion.

I cannot stand before you today and deliver a speech without thanking the people who have armed me with lessons that I will carry with me for a lifetime. Thank you Kylie - my best friend - for never failing to make me smile. Thank you Savion - my painfully annoying but loving brother - for always challenging me. I strive to forge a legacy and set an example for you. Thank you cheer family - especially coach Megan, coach Emily, Natalia, and Keyora for giving me a second home. Thank you Mr. Bob - my lifelong mentor, for continuously seeing my potential. To my loved ones, thank you for making me the person I am today. And finally, thank you mom for inspiring me through your selflessness and nurturing me throughout the years. Being able to call you all my family has been the greatest reward of all. This day is just as much yours, as it is mine.

For my remarks today, I'd like to share one last class with you all. Today's subject is English, and we will be closely analyzing a word that I'm sure many of you are familiar with. The word: Fear. F-E-A-R. Definition: an emotion caused by the belief that someone or something is dangerous, likely to cause pain, or a threat. Used in a sentence: I fear many things; like the wrath of my mother after I neglect my chores (the audacity!), horror movies, spiders, loneliness, mankind, and on many days - for my life. We live in a world where fear is a normality, so much that we categorize fears as phobias - arachnophobia, claustrophobia, and there's even a phobia for fear of money (plutophobia.)

Amidst the presence of the plethora of phobias that exist, a question arises; since when has it been acceptable for fear to plague society, running rampant in the minds of all people alike? Mothers fearing that their sons may not return home after they receive a text saying "Mom, a cop just pulled me over." Children who fear for their lives, as they walk into schools. Schools that are meant to be sanctuaries: sacred places where learning should transform the minds of the youth. Young girls who cannot walk home after dark because of the fear that they may never see light again. People in our own community...our own kind..who fear each other. And even in this audience, High school students who feared that they wouldn't live to see their graduation. When will the time come that fear ceases to exist? The truth is, I've learned that fear isn't going anywhere.

Synonyms of fear: control, systemic oppression, injustice. Fear is a means to an end. An end where bigoted, traditional, and tyrannical cycles are perpetuated. This ambiguous emotion is embedded in the very infrastructure of our society, as those in power feed off of your fear. You see, something can be broken in seconds, but it may take forever to fix it, so don't let society break you with fear. Instead, let fear fuel your flame. And when that flame is ignited, breathe life into it, give air to it. So that one day, you may use that fire as a light, to guide you through any darkness that society subjects you to.

Remember that life is not linear. Its volatility presents setbacks and barriers that you may be forced to overcome. I urge you to embrace the presence of fear. Feel it. Relish in it. Grow comfortable with it. Then, it can no longer keep you in its restraint. Utilize courage to rebel against fear, as means to create a better tomorrow for yourself and for future generations. For many of us, the stepping stones have already been laid. Channel the same fear that enabled Dr. King to inspire African Americans to feel a sense of "somebodiness." The same fear that led Anne Frank to reach generations of people through her experiences as a victim of the Holocaust. The same fear that told Miss Harriet Tubman she could escape the chains of injustice and attain liberation.

Sitting here today, as a graduate, is proof that you have the strength to turn fear into courage. You have achieved a feat that many cannot withstand. So, don't stop now because fear may become your friend as you pursue your future endeavors.

The word: Fear. F-E-A-R Definition: a socially constructed emotion which, when combated by courage, lacks the power to deter you from your dreams. Thank you.

## **Board President's Message to Class of 2022**

Pottstown's graduation speaker was our very own school board president Katina Bearden.

Her message to our students was a powerful one. We need you. We need our students to take the next step in their lives and to positively impact the world but we also need them to come back to Pottstown and make a difference. Just like Katina Bearden has made a difference. Born and raised in Pottstown, a Pottstown graduate, she went to college and returned to serve our community. She is an associate Director in a fortune 500 company, and has invested time, money, and energy into being a positive force in our school district for the students and staff. She has represented the people of our community with pride and dignity.

Supporting our staff with the first-ever appreciation breakfast to start off one school year, (pre-Covid of course,) and spearheading the very popular and community-engaging father-daughter and mother-son dances at Pottstown Middle School, there is no question that our community benefits from her talents and passion.

Graduation was not her first speaking experience for the Pottstown School district, advocating for fair funding and legislation that would help our community, she has given speeches at rallies and events including Governor Wolf's recent visit to our school.

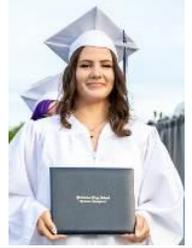
Mrs. Bearden leads by example. She has provided leadership for innovation, positive change and community engagement and is an excellent example of paying it forward to our community. She gives us more reason to say, proud to be from Pottstown.



# PHS 2022 Graduation

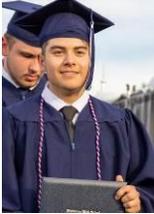
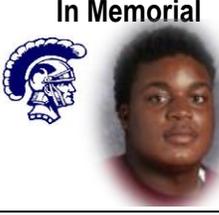




				
<b>Amber Adamski</b>	<b>Jamilah Askew</b>	<b>Tajera Bass</b>	<b>Leigha Beckett</b>	<b>Courtney Bratten</b>
				
<b>Natalia Brown</b>	<b>Madeline Bruton</b>	<b>Jayla Moore</b>	<b>Angelina Melle</b>	<b>Ja'Zell Meade</b>
				
<b>Kaleigh Martin</b>	<b>Destiny Torres</b>	<b>Anna Bell Poston</b>	<b>Mackenzie Moser</b>	<b>Duece Aguido</b>
				
<b>Nysir Aguido</b>	<b>Mohammad Al Muhtaseb</b>	<b>Noah Bolman</b>	<b>Zaire Clark</b>	<b>Joel Cocci</b>
				
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<b>Aaron Mayes</b>	<b>Yassine Mahmoudi</b>	<b>Rashaun Mahario</b>	<b>Taniah Buckner</b>	<b>Mia Bumbarger</b>

				
<b>Madison Carberry</b>	<b>Ramya Carpenter</b>	<b>Michelle Castillo</b>	<b>Paityn Chalifoux</b>	<b>Kennedy Cole</b>
				
<b>Mylika Pernel</b>	<b>Yasmin Paez</b>	<b>Ny'Ajah Osbourne-Warren</b>	<b>Allison Ormston</b>	<b>Faith Nichols</b>
				
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<b>Radee Murray</b>	<b>Sierra Coleman</b>	<b>Ashaya Daniels</b>	<b>Traeh Davenport</b>	<b>Calista Daye</b>

				
<b>Janessa Delgado</b>	<b>Molly Delphin</b>	<b>Krystal Dixon</b>	<b>Antoinette Stevens</b>	<b>Skylar Smith</b>
				
<b>Qeyanni Shawell</b>	<b>Amayah Scurry</b>	<b>Jesseny Redrovan</b>	<b>Jessica Rivera</b>	<b>Ciana Quarles</b>
				
<b>Xzavier Francis Williams</b>	<b>Storm Gatheca</b>	<b>Jonah Grice</b>	<b>Darren Groff</b>	<b>Tahmir Hakim</b>
				
<b>Abraham Hammer</b>	<b>Tyler Harper</b>	<b>Gabriel Roseo</b>	<b>Jahzere Rolle</b>	<b>Anthony Rodriguez</b>
				
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<b>Riley Gasper</b>	<b>Coreena Trumbauer Butts</b>	<b>Lacie Townsend</b>	<b>Ariana Torres</b>	<b>Dasia Thornton Bey</b>

				
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<b>Tyler Hill</b>	<b>Erick Infante</b>	<b>Dan Irizzary</b>	<b>Gerle Jimenez</b>	<b>Ahmir Jones</b>
				
<b>Dakota Smith</b>	<b>Gage Sibilly</b>	<b>Joshua Shifflette</b>	<b>Hunter Shawell</b>	<b>Thomas Santiago</b>
				
<b>Jahvante Samuel</b>	<b>James Ryder</b>	<b>Bria Germany</b>	<b>Hailey Gerrish</b>	<b>Ashley Giampetro</b>
				
<b>Mackenzie Grepps</b>	<b>Jailyn Hampton</b>	<b>Jaida Harris</b>	<b>Maria Jimenez</b>	<b>Sydney Wilkerson</b>
				
<b>Trinell Watson</b>	<b>Melissa Walton</b>	<b>Noel Wallner</b>	<b>Shanelle Waller</b>	<b>Jonerah Vinson</b>
				
<b>Melodie Velez</b>	<b>Joshua Krips</b>	<b>Nasir Knuckles</b>	<b>De Andre Kent</b>	<b>Elijah Levan</b>



**Michael Lilick**



**Jared Long**



**Jesus Lopez**



**Jacob Taylor**



**Ryan Szczepanik**



**Desmond Suber**



**Jordan Stewart**



**Davhan Starks**



**Jestyn Snyder**



**Max Smith**



**Anaya Jones**



**Aniyah Jones**



**JoLaila Lamarre**



**Debra Lauulu**



**Cheyenne Lee**



**Christinna Longenecker**



**Angelina Ludy**



**Nerissa Yost**



**Akira Love Jr**



**Future Lynch**



**Shiair Williams**



**Jueal Williams**



**Daniel Williams**



**Thomas Whitney**



**Tamare Watson**



**Jabril Washington**



**Braylon Tinson**



**Alexa Heater**



**Rafi Sanchez**



**Olan Yancy**



**Joshua Wilson**



**PRIDE**

**Congratulations Graduates!**

**Once a Trojan, Always a Trojan!**

## **2022 POTTSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION PLANS**

Adamski, Amber A	Alvernia University, Millersville University, West Chester University, Kings College, Albright College, York College of Pennsylvania, Kutztown University
Bolman, Noah Trinity	MCCC
Brown, Natalia Tylana	Penn Tech, Delaware State University
Bruton, Madeline P	Colorado State University, Penn State Berks, Regis, University of Northern Colorado, University of Colorado Colorado Springs, University of Colorado Boulder, University of Colorado Denver, Coastal Carolina, Alvernia, Kutztown, Drexel, Gettysburg, University of Denver
Buckner, Taniah Adara	Pennsylvania College of Technology, Harrisburg Area Community College, MCCC
Bumbarger, Mia G	Cedar Crest, Alvernia, Lock Haven, Millersville, Widener, Delaware Valley, New Jersey City, Birmingham-Southern, LSU, East Stroudsburg, Arcadia, Lycoming, Bloomsburg, Albright, Immaculata, University of the Sciences, Ursinus, West Chester
Carberry, Madison F	East Stroudsburg, West Chester, Alvernia, Kutztown, Salisbury
Carpenter, Ramya	University of Pitt, Manor College, Penn Technology, Harcum, Hofstra, Temple
Castillo, Michelle Gabriela	Penn State University Park, Jefferson University, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Kutztown University, West Chester University, University of Pittsburgh -Greensburg, Alvernia University, Lock Haven University, Eastern University
Coccie, Joel A	Penn College of Technology
Cole, Kennedy	Indiana University of Pennsylvania, California University of Pennsylvania, Albright University, Alvernia University, Cabrini University, Hofstra University, Millersville University, Lincoln University, Kutztown University, Delaware State University, East Stroudsburg University, Cheyney University, Mansfield University, Temple University, Penn State University, Moravian University, Thomas Jefferson University, University of Pittsburgh, Morgan State University
Coleman, Sierra	California University of Pennsylvania
Cranford, John M	Lackawanna, Delaware valley, Wilkes
Davenport, Traeh Evol	MCCC
Daye, Calista D	Lincoln University, Keiser University, Palm Beach Atlantic University, Alvernia University, Clarion University, McDaniel University, West Chester University, James Madison University
Dellaquila, Colin Justus	WCU, Kutztown
Delphin, Molly	Delaware State, Morgan State, Cheyney, Harcum
DiPietro, Anthony Edward	East Stroudsburg, Alvernia, Temple
Dixon, Krystal Mariah	Kutztown, Alvernia, MCCC
Elgendy, Nada Ekramy	Drexel University, University of Pittsburgh, Penn State, and Millersville University
Frazier, Keyora Nevaeh	Delaware State University, East Stroudsburg, Lincoln University, Morgan State University, Bowie State University, Alvernia University, Moravian University, Millersville University, Cheney University, Winston Salem University, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Harcum College, Immaculata University
Garber, Kristopher Michael	Kutztown University, Alvernia University, Delaware Valley University, Cedar Crest College
Gatheca, Storm Kinyanjui	Penn Tech
Grepps, Makenzie R	MCCC
Grice, Jonah M	Penn College of Technology
Guardado, Beatriz	Arcadia University, La Salle University, Cabrini University, Saint Joseph's University, Albright College, West Chester University, Temple, Lebanon Valley, University of Valley Forge, Penn State, Drexel

Hakim, Tahmir R	Army
Harris, Jaida S	Delaware State, East Stroudsburg, Lincoln University, Cheney, Alvernia, Mansfield
Harper, Tyler A	Army
Hernandez, Jose A	Air Force
Hill, Tyler Jordan	West Chester University, Penn State Berks, Albright College
Jimenez, Maria Esther	Alvernia University, University of Pittsburgh, Temple University, West Chester University, Widener University, Penn College of Technology
Jimenez Gomez, Gerle Joel	IUP, Alvernia, Widener, Wilkes University
Jones, Anaya S	Alvernia University, Cheyney University, Bethune Cookman University, Delaware State University, High Point University, Temple University, Harcum University, Mansfield University
Lamarre, JoLaila Valery	DSU, Lincoln, Cheyney, Hampton, Cedar Crest, Albany Health & Pharmacies College, Nova Southeastern University
Laulu, Debra S	Navy
Lee, Cheyenne Reilly	Wilkes-Bare University, Albright College
Long, Jared W	Millersville, Alvernia, West Chester, Penn Tech, Kutztown
Ludy, Angelina D	MCCC
Lynch, Future D	Montgomery Culinary Institute
Mahario, Rashaun Rafael	MCCC
Martin, Kaleigh M	MCCC
Moore, Kamari Renee	Montclair State University, Penn State, North Carolina Central University
Moser, Jacob William	Clark's Summit University, University of Valley Forge
Moser, Mackenzie Joelle	Alvernia University, Albright College, West Chester University, Cheyney University, Liberty University, Hawaii Pacific University, Roberts Wesleyan College, Thomas Jefferson University
Neely, Malachi Anthony	Mississippi State, Harcum, Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology
Ormston, Allison P	Brigham Young University - Provo, Utah (Committed), Brigham Young University - Rexburg, Idaho, Colorado State University, Coastal Carolina University, West Chester University, Kutztown University, Pennsylvania State University, Alvernia University, Ursinus College, Albright College
Osbourne-Warren, Ny'Ajah Labre	Delaware State, West Chester, Shippensburg, Penn State, Harcum, Kutztown, Mansfield
Paez, Yasmin A	Penn State, University of Pittsburg, Syracuse University, University of New Haven, East Carolina University, Rutgers University, Nova Southeastern University
Palma-Huitzila, Jessie	MCCC
Pernell, Mylika Ayanni	Alvernia University, Millersville University, West Chester University, Manor University, Gwynedd Mercy University, Kutztown University, Delaware State University, East Stroudsburg University, Temple University, Neumann University, Clarion University, Cabrini University, Mansfield University, Morgan State University
Pinos-Castillo, Anthony G	Arcadia, Temple
Poston, Annabelle Thyme	Air Force
Quarles, Ciana Natasha	Philadelphia Institute of Technology, Lincoln Tech
Ramos, Cesai	West Chester University, East Stroudsburg University
Redrovan, Jesseny M	West Chester, Alvernia, Cabrini, Delaware Valley

Rivera, Jessica N	West Chester, Temple
Robinson, Enam Ali Tyrone	Chey University, Arcadia, Lincoln University, Weidner, Seton Hill, LVC, Immaculata, Millersville, Delaware State University
Roseo, Gabriel K	Alfred State College
Samuel, Jahvante' Maiieke Kelike	Navy
Sanchez, Rafi K	Drexel, Lebanon Valley College, Long Island University
Santiago, Thomas R	Automotive Training Center
Shawell, Qeyanni DayShawn-Marie	Lincoln Tech
Sibilly, Gage B	Thaddeus Stevens, South Georgia Tech
Smith, Kylie A	MCCC, Palm Beach Atlantic University, Wilmington University, Delaware Community College
Smith, Skylar Lynn	MCCC, Penn State (Berks) College, Western Illinois University
Snyder, Jestyn	Thaddeus Stevens, Moravian, Penn Tech, Harrisburg Tech, Eastern, Harcum
Strickland, Callie N	MCCC
Thornton-Bey, Dasia Monet	Johnson and Wales, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Tinson, Braylon J	Alvernia University, Harcum College
Townsend, Lacie D	Morgan State, MCCC
Vinson, Jonerah Lashay	Alvernia, Widener, Albright, Arcadia, Cheney, Lincoln
Watson, Trinell Love	Temple, La Salle, Chicago, Drexel, Penn State Brandywine
Wilkerson, Sydney J	Cheyney, Lincoln, Delaware State, Morgan State, Alvernia
Williams, Daniel	University of the Arts, Pratt Institute MWP, Temple University, Maryland Institute College of Art, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, School of the Visual Arts
Williams, Jayniana M	University of Miami, Drexel, Pace University, University of Hawaii, Thomas Jefferson, Temple, Alvernia, Duke University, Stanford University, Nova Southeastern, Penn State, University of Pittsburgh, Johns Hopkins-Waitlisted, Northwestern-Waitlisted
Wilson, Joshua Adam	Thaddeus Stevens
Yancy, Olan Lamar	Job Corps
Yost, Nerissa C	Millersville



## MIDDLE SCHOOL

### Middle School Jazz Band Outstanding

The Pottstown Middle School Jazz Band, under the direction of Daniel Higgins, presented an outstanding performance at the Wilson High School Jazz Festival. Colin Plank was recognized as the "Outstanding Soloist" for his drum performance on "Mercy, Mercy, Mercy". The saxes received the "Outstanding Woodwind Section" award. Luke Grice and Jayden Bell received recognition for their solos. The band also performed "One O'Clock Jump" and "Freddie Freeloader".

Higgins said, "The members of the band are excellent representatives of the middle school, district and community." Their hard work paid off and gave us another reason to say, proud to be from Pottstown. You can hear the band at their next performance on May 6 at the Hershey Park High Note Festival.



## Middle School Reading Olympic Team Scores Green

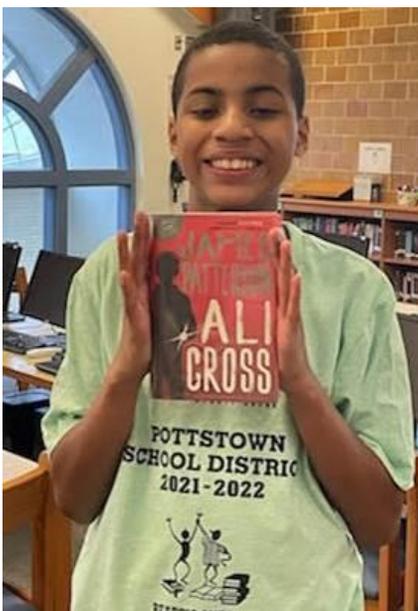


Congratulations to the Pottstown Middle School Reading Olympics Team for earning a green ribbon in the county wide Reading Olympics contest. Held virtually, the event encourages students to increase the quality and quantity of books they read for enjoyment.

Team members included: Omaria Miller, Jayden Bell, Wesam Elgendy, Nye Powell, Cheyenne Flamer, Brianna Bui, Isabella Wright, and Arian Tinson.



Middle school librarian Andrea Roberts, along with teachers Kim Petro and Emilie Dormer, helped students prepare for the event. Roberts said, "We enjoyed working with the students, they showed enthusiasm and enjoyed learning how to work as a team."



Nye Powell showed pride when he correctly answered a question about a phrase used in the book Ali Cross – "When they go low we go high."

Trojan Proud of the students and staff, more reason to say proud to be from Pottstown.



## Middle School Track Prepares for Future Success

Pottstown middle school track coach Martin Valle believes in preparing for the future. The Trojan middle school boys' and girls' track student athletes proved at the Pioneer Athletic Conference Championships they are ready for success at the next level.

### BOYS:

- **Armand Thorpe** became the PAC champion in the 55m hurdles (90-105 weight class) He broke the school record running an 8.5.
- **Brandon Hughes** finished 4th in the 55m hurdles (90-105 weight class)
- **Anthony Suber** 5th in the 400m, 4x100m finished 5th place
- **Nyrice Joseph** 5th in the 100m dash
- **Armand Thorpe** 6th in the 100m dash (105 weight class)



### GIRLS:

- **Trinity Rhodes-Fisher** PAC champion 55m open hurdles
- **Rachel Koffman** PAC champion in the 55m hurdles (90-105) division
- **Christiana Allen** 3rd in the 55m hurdles (90-105) and 4th in the 100m dash (90 pounds)
- **Jayanna Hill** 6th in long jump
- **Wesam Elgendy** 6th in the Shot-put

Look for more success in the hurdles, all of the hurdles' championships were won by Trojans.



# ELEMENTARY

## Rupert Student Artists Friends Helping Friends

Members of the Rupert Elementary School [K-Kids](#) Club, which is supported by the Kiwanis club, used their artistic talents to raise funds for the school's Friends of Rupert support group. Over 50 students submitted entries in the school-wide art contest. Students voted by donating change for their favorite piece of artwork.

The winners in the 1st-2nd grade group were:

- Jasmin Corum
- Nathaniel Walton
- Caleb Tekpetey



The winners in the 3rd and 4th group were:

- Ronan White
- Ceandra Butcher Santiago
- Imari Soto



Principal Matt Moyer said, "I am proud of our students who used their talents to help support our school. The \$40 will go to help support school activities for students."



## Following Franklin Fab 5 Leads to Student Of Month Honors

Congratulations to the Franklin Elementary students who were recognized as **Student of the Month**. Each received a personal certificate awarded for academic progress and good school citizenship. Principal Beth Kramer said, "I am proud of these students for exemplifying our Franklin Fab 5.

- I will be safe.
- I will be responsible.
- I will be positive.
- I will be respectful.
- I will be involved.

Their hard work is paying off and helping to prepare them for future success. This will not be the last time they give us reason to say, proud to be from Pottstown."



## Celebrating Academic Growth

Superintendent of schools, Mr. Stephen Rodriguez paid a surprise visit to each of our four elementary schools to recognize the students at each grade level who achieved the highest level of academic growth in the areas of reading and math. Certificates of Achievement were presented for the highest growth in academic reading or math based on the results and effort demonstrated on several academic technology programs used in the classroom and at home during the school year. Rodriguez, along with the building principal, made visits to the winners' classrooms to congratulate them and present the Certificates of Achievement. Please join us in congratulating the following students on their achievements. 🎉

<b><u>Barth Elementary:</u></b>	<b><u>Lincoln Elementary:</u></b>	<b><u>Franklin Elementary:</u></b>	<b><u>Rupert Elementary:</u></b>
Jariyah Hall Camren Collins Zyaire Gibbs Makayla Charles Jessica Estrada Skylar Simms Charley Stalker Hayden Chavous JC Magturo Isaiah McGoldrick- Cheeseboro Cameron Chambers Montana Wilson Maliah Atkins Jayde Gray Milan Anderson Niko Marren	Deron Andrews Parker Hudy Jace Miller Deron Andrews Melody Hall Orion Hudy Oliver Hudy Jahmai Molina Lorenzo Landon Creamer Parker Hudy Jahir Smith Ian Dunn Charles Pryer Maison Gilding	Maze Wolloh Mia Guest Brysin Wyatt Cecelia Sloss Ares Broussard Amelia Steadman Lucas Bradley Samuel Rosado-Lutz Eric Harvey Patrick Galamba Avion Garnett Mia Guest Josephine Jaycox Genesis Ashford-Harvey Elizabeth Wasylkowski Aiden Sheldon	Cheryl Tekpetey Blaine Powell Emma Foley Adeiye Aina Aidan Branagh Maxwell Francisco Mekenize Painter Francis Powell Ronan White Nicholas Ferkins Riley Rhoads Lydia Torres Thaymi Vega Rosado Jairus Sallad Aryanna Davenport



## Lincoln Takes It Outdoors

Lincoln Elementary teachers Matt Cohen and Samantha Duncan took advantage of a beautiful Spring day to use the school's outside classroom. Students enjoyed the outdoor setting as Mr. Cohen gave a high energy reading of the story, "Last One is a Rotten Egg" by Diane De Groat. The teachable moment along with the beautiful weather kept the class engrossed and involved. Share the news of another reason to say proud to be from Pottstown.



## Rupert Students Have Super Powers

Students at Rupert Elementary School demonstrated their powerful superpower during spirit week. They celebrated Superhero Day by going to the library to read some of their favorite books. Staying on school district mission, to prepare each student, by name, for success at every level means having strong reading skills.



## Students Display Writing Skills

The annual McDonald's Writing Contest gives elementary students the opportunity to develop writing skills that will serve as one of the building blocks to future success. Bruce and Marcia Graham, owners of several local McDonald restaurants, are longtime supporters of Pottstown schools. This year's theme was "An Important Person I Know". Trojan Proud of our young writers. Please take a few minutes to read their works and you will know another reason we say, proud to be from Pottstown.



## Mother Earth Gets Helping Hand

Students at Barth Elementary School helped celebrate **Earth Day** by giving Mother Earth a helping hand. During the day, students spent part of their recess time cleaning up the school grounds.

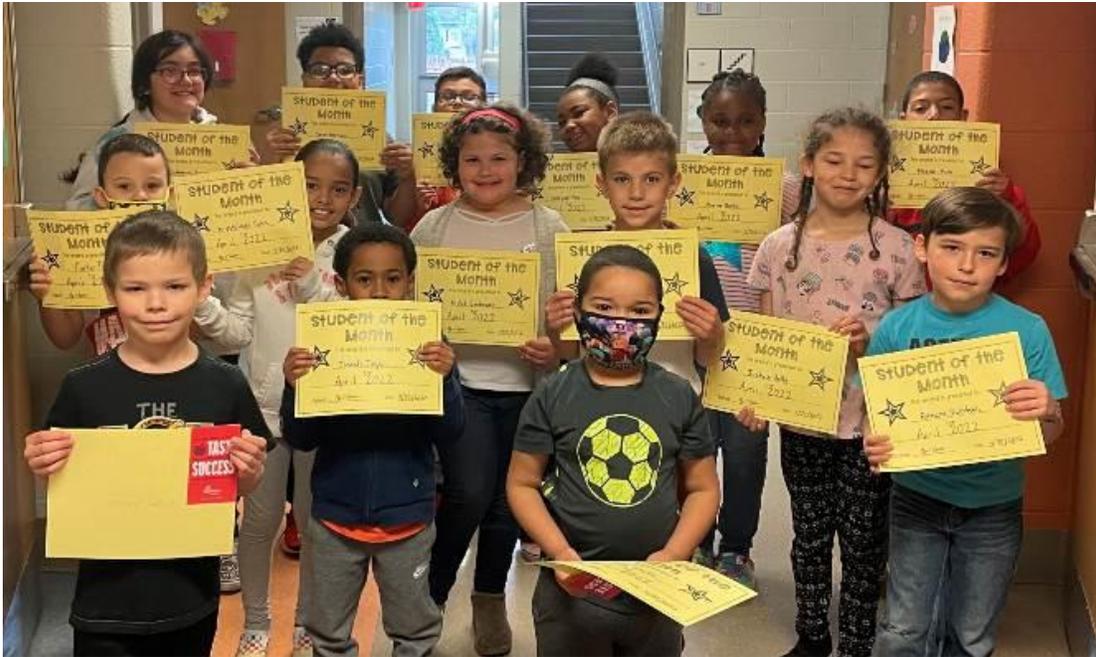


## Franklin Fab 5 Rock Stars

Franklin Elementary School celebrated April's Students of the Month Fab Five Rock stars who have lived up to the Franklin Fab Five:

- I will be safe
- I will be responsible
- I will be positive
- I will be respectful
- I will be involved

Trojan Proud of our students and staff preparing for success at every level.



## Franklin Superheroes

Kindergarten students at Franklin Elementary celebrated National Superhero Day. They were encouraged to wear a shirt honoring a real or fictional superhero.



## A big day at Franklin

Franklin elementary students enjoyed a day filled with academics, activities and the arts. Students had beautiful weather for their annual spring field day. Many students returned with their families after the regular school day for the annual art show exhibiting the talents of students in pre-K - 4th grade. The book fair, which was held along with the art show, had many choices of books to purchase and take home. The night ended with presentations from both the choral group and the first-year band students providing entertainment. Seeing so many students and families actively engaged in our school community is another reason to say proud to be from Pottstown.



On Friday, June 3, 2022, 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 Fourth 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 made door-to-door visits to surprise students and their families with certificates of achievement, yard signs, 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.

**I'MPACT Winners for the Fourth Marking Period:**

- Kindergarten - Jonnathan Gomez Jimenez
- 1st Grade - Jaceon Edmunds
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade - Janiyah Rosenberger
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade - Jazariya Battle and Bailey Wentzel

**Members of the Team in attendance for the visits:**

Principal: Matthew Moyer

Teachers: Lauren Crean, Laurie Gresko, Cindy Bartolucci, Shannon Richey, Jaime Parris, Kayla Murray



## STAFF AND SCHOOL BOARD AWARDS

### Hylton's Environmental Efforts Earn State Award

Congratulations to school board member Tom Hylton and his wife Frances on having their environmental efforts recognized with a state award.



### National Mascot Day

Happy National Mascot Day. Trojan Man is the leader of The Trojan Nation. He is a role model for academic achievement, sportsmanship, citizenship and community engagement. Special thanks to Mr. Dave Woodley who has been the mentor to our male and female students who have given us more reason to say, "Proud to be from Pottstown."



## ALUMNI

**Kenil Patel** – Class of 2017 - is living up to the Pottstown School District Mission, preparing each student by name for success at every level. Kenil is a recent graduate of Drexel University's 5-year, 3 Co-Op Program with a major in Mechanical Engineering Technology, with a dual minor in Robotics & Automation and Green Energy & Sustainability. He has accepted an engineering position with Constellation Nuclear at their Limerick Generating Station. He was also accepted in Drexel's Systems Engineer Master's Program. More proof that hard work pays off and another reason to say Proud to be from Pottstown.



# Annual YWCA Tribute to Exceptional Women

Trojan Proud. What we already knew is now official, we have some exceptional women and girls in the Pottstown School District. School board member Mrs. Laura Johnson and middle school students, Qahira Jones and Leyna Johnson were honored at the YWCA 26th Annual Exceptional Women and Girls Awards program. Their efforts and accomplishments represent the hard work that our students, staff, administration and board put in everyday to make a positive difference in our community. They live up to our district mission: prepare every student, by name, for success at every level. Thanks for giving us another reason to say, proud to be from Pottstown.





## **FALLEN TROJANS**



The Pottstown School District is proud of the members of its Trojan family and will honor its deceased alumni by recognizing them and their accomplishments in our "Fallen Trojan" section. Anyone wishing to have alumni recognized should provide appropriate information to:

John J. Armato, Director of Community Relations,  
230 Beech Street, Pottstown PA 19464 or email [jarmato@pottstownsd.org](mailto:jarmato@pottstownsd.org).

- **Richard "Dick" Clark Strange** - Class of 1946 - 93, was the husband of Rose Catherine (Menicucci)



Strange, with whom he would have celebrated 73 years of marriage on July 8, 2022. Dick was the son of the late Earl and Geraldine (Clark) Strange. He joined the United States Army Air Forces, until his honorable discharge in 1949. Dick then furthered his education by obtaining his bachelor's degree from West Chester University and his Master's in Education from Temple University. After graduating, Dick began his career as a music teacher for the Warwick School System, and then moved to be a history teacher for the Owen J. Roberts School District. He retired in 1985, and became a co-owner of the former Howard Street Pub. Outside of work, Dick was a faithful and longtime member of Christ Episcopal Church in Pottstown, where he participated in the choir. Dick was a talented musician who played the trumpet, trombone, and

flugelhorn for various bands over the years including The Combos, Bob Eppheimer & His Orchestra, Arlen Saylor Orchestra, and The Bourbons.

- **Richard R. Rotz** - Class of 1961 - was the husband of Bonnie L. (Surgeoner) Rotz. Born in Philadelphia, he



was the son of the late Earl and Aletta (Wamsher) Rotz. In 1962, Richard joined the U.S. Army until 1965 where he served as a Military Policeman. During his tenure in Ft. Myers, VA, he was one of the MP's who was selected to guard the grave of President John F. Kennedy after the assassination. Richard was hired by the Pottstown Police Department in June 1965 and served as a patrolman until being promoted to Sergeant in 1972. During his service in Pottstown, Richard was a member of the Patrol Division, eventually as Sergeant; Crime Control Unit, Traffic Safety Division & Detective Sergeant. While working at Pottstown, he attended Penn State and received an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice. Richard retired from Pottstown Police Department in January of 1999 then worked for the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department for nine

years. He also worked part-time for Catagnus Funeral Home. Richard was a member of the Pottstown Police Officers Association, Fraternal Order of Police, the Pottstown Elks Club, and he was an original member of the Pottstown Police Honor Guard. He was an avid runner and also enjoyed playing tennis and basketball and working in his yard. Richard was also actively involved at his church, St. Paul's, in Stowe. He was also a lifelong Eagles and Phillies fan.

## FALLEN TROJANS

- [Stanley Stolar](#) – Class of 1948 – Age 91, born July 10, 1930 to Anna Wassiluk Stolar and Philip Stolar in



Pottstown, PA, passed away peacefully at his home on June 20, 2022. In high school Stanley was a multi-sport athlete, playing on the baseball, basketball and golf teams including, as a sophomore, competing against Arnold Palmer in the Pennsylvania state golf championships. Stanley graduated from Pottstown High School in 1948 and joined the United States Navy, serving as a yeoman second class until 1952. During this time, he served honorably in the Korean War on the USS Rochester, initially in the gunnery department and later transferred to ComServPac in Pearl Harbor. He received commendations for meritorious service and outstanding performance from the US Navy. Stanley worked at Harleysville Insurance Company for 42 dedicated years, starting as a claims adjuster in Lancaster County, PA in 1953, eventually opening a claims office in

Media, PA and serving as District Claims Manager there until 1995. He and his beloved wife of 71 years, Pansy Goodyear Stolar, loved playing golf. After retiring, Stanley and Pansy, his best golf partner, enjoyed many rounds of golf on many beautiful courses during some of their travels. Those travels took them throughout the United States. In addition, they enjoyed several memorable trips to countries in Europe and Central America. He displayed kindness to everyone he encountered, and was always interested in the details of someone else's life. He was curious about life and became a self-trained electrician, plumber and wood craftsman. Stanley was always true to himself and his core beliefs. He was also always true to others as well; he treated everyone with dignity, grace, and respect. When you had a conversation with Stanley, he was fully invested in you, as if you were the most important person in the world at that time. And to him, at that moment, you probably were. Stanley was a profoundly decent man. He was a great role model: As a husband, a father, a grandfather, a great-grandfather, and as a friend to many. We all learned from him. His unique gifts of empathy, curiosity, wisdom, and faith made him always relevant. You wanted to be with him.

- [Alvin Lewis Weiss](#) - Class of 1944 - born in Pottstown, PA, on July 19, 1926, Alvin was the son of the late



Thomas and Jennie (Klein) Weiss. He received his B.A. in 1949 from Ursinus College. He obtained his J.D. from Columbia Law School in NY, in 1952, and was admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar in 1953. Alvin was one of the three founding partners of O'Donnell, Weiss & Mattei. He retired in 2004. Giving back to the community was very important to Alvin and he served as past president for Congregation Hessed Shel Emet, Pottstown Regional Public Library, and United Way of Pottstown & Upper Perkiomen Valley. He also served on the Board of Trustees for the Pottstown YMCA and on the Board of Directors for Pottstown Memorial Medical Center.

- [Vicki Lynn \(Sobresky\) Lenhardt](#) - Class of 1979 - Vicki was part of the nursing program. Even though she

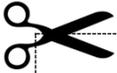


didn't end up pursuing nursing, she held her time in that program close to her heart. All her life Vicki silently struggled with medical issues that she never once let hold her back from living how she wanted to. She spent her life focused on being an incredibly supportive and devoted mother. When her first granddaughter was born, she jumped at the chance to watch her during the daytime. Vicki considered her career to be a homemaker, who is exactly what she was. Anytime you were with her, you felt at home no matter how long you knew her. Vicki was known for her kind and loving spirit and her willingness to help others. She will forever be remembered for the lives that she touched.



### We Are Pottstown ...

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



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

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Pottstown Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

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