### **POTTSTOWN PRIDE**

ACADEMICS AND ACTIVITIES
PARTNERS FOR EDUCATIONAL
EXCELLENCE



WINTER 2020-2021

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

#### POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT POINTS OF PRIDE WINTER 2020-2021

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 <a href="https://www.pottstownschools.org">www.pottstownschools.org</a> or call 610-323-6274.

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

Go to <a href="http://www.pottstownschools.org/AlumniPages.aspx">http://www.pottstownschools.org/AlumniPages.aspx</a> 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.

#### School Board Meeting Discussion On Return to School

The return to in person school was the focus of attention at the January school board meeting. Read all about it in Mr. Evan Brandt's <u>Digital Notebook Blog</u>.

#### District "Cultural Competency" Initiative Starts With Celebration of Black History Month

Pottstown School District is using Black History month to kick off an initiative to make the district's lessons more inclusive of its multi-ethnic population. It's a mindset LaTanya White-Springfield, the district's director of student services and a Pottstown High School alum, calls "cultural competency." You can read about what to look forward to in Mr. Evan Brandt's <a href="Digital Notebook Blog">Digital Notebook Blog</a>.

#### Pottstown Superintendent Rodriguez sees opportunity for education equity in Wolf budget.

Pottstown Teacher Speaks Out About School Funding

The Pottstown School District has been at the forefront of advocating for equity and fairness in funding of our schools. Superintendent Stephen Rodriguez along with school board members Laura Johnson and Raymond Rose have helped to bring statewide awareness to the issue. Governor Wolf's proposed budget attempts to address the issue. Mr. Evan Brandt gives a well written summary of the issues in his Digital Notebook Blog.

#### **Board Members Join The Call For Charter Reform**

The time is now for Pennsylvania charter school reform. As a school director, I see first-hand how the current charter structure imposes an unnecessary burden on local students and taxpayers. This op-ed, submitted by 73 school board members from across Montgomery County, addresses the need for reform.

#### Pottstown State Rep. Appointed Special Ed Funding Commission

State Rep. Joe Ciresi, D-146th Dist., has been appointed to the Special Education Funding Commission, a statehouse committee that will give him say over the



skyrocketing costs of special education. "Ensuring fair funding of education is one of my top priorities. I am ready to get to work to ensure those school districts with the greatest special education needs are recognized and funded fairly, since having access to fair resources is what our students deserve," Ciresi said.

Pottstown's special education population has grown from 3 percent of its total in 1980 to nearly 20 percent today, Pottstown School Board member Thomas Hylton wrote in a recent column. According to Hylton's analysis, the 20 most expensive special education students cost the Pottstown School District more than \$2.1 million a year. Read Mr. Evan Brandt's Digital Notebook Blog for the full story.

#### **Letters to Editor Support Governor's Budget**

Recent letters to the editor that appeared in The Mercury support Governor Wolf's proposed budget which includes increased funding to public schools. Raymond Rose is a member of the Pottstown School Board and Marlene Armato is a longtime resident and parent of two Pottstown School District graduates.

#### **FOOTBALL**

Congratulations to PHS football player Jahzeel Watson on being honored with the Mini-Maxwell

Award. Jahzeel has proven time and again on the field and in the classroom that hard work pays off. Trojan Proud to say he represents our school and community.

Maxwell Football Club President, Mark Dianno, announced the 2020 Mini Max High School Award winners for the state of Pennsylvania. The sixty-eight players selected are from schools from Districts 1, 3, 11 and 12 in the eastern part of the state. Players were nominated by their coaches throughout the 2020 season and were evaluated based on criteria that includes: football performance, academics, and community service. The Maxwell Football Club will select one player from the group of Mini Max winners as the winner of the Pennsylvania Player of the Year. The Pennsylvania High School Player of the Year will be announced through a press release on January 25, 2021.

#### Trojan Football Scores in the Classroom

Congratulations to the members of the Pottstown High School football team who were recognized for their academic success in the classroom. They were selected to the <a href="EasternPAFootball.com">EasternPAFootball.com</a> All Academic Team which recognizes high school athletes who demonstrate academic excellence in the classroom. Head coach Jeff Delaney said, "We are extremely proud of these young men who have made a commitment to excellence both on the field and the classroom. Co-curricular activities

like sports support the academic mission of our district and help create a culture of commitment to striving for a goal. Our student athletes are learning that hard work pays off."

Gold Team: (3.8 or higher) Silver Team: (3.4 to 3.7) Bronze Team: (3.0 to 3.3)

,			GPA		
Player Name:	Position(s):	School:	Convert	Grad year:	Eastern PA
Chris Chhern	OL/LB	Pottstown	4.0	2023	Gold
Anthony DiPietro	WR/DB	Pottstown	4.0	2022	Gold
Jared Hewitt	RB/LB	Pottstown	4.0	2023	Gold
Gabe Hicks	TE/LB	Pottstown	4.0	2023	Gold
Sincere Strimpel	TE/DL	Pottstown	3.8	2021	Gold
Fredy Rodriguez	K/P	Pottstown	3.4	2023	Silver
Jestyn Snyder	OL/DL	Pottstown	3.4	2022	Silver
Devon Green	OL/LB	Pottstown	3.0	2023	Bronze
Mason Miller	QB/DB	Pottstown	3.0	2023	Bronze
Joneil Oister	RB/LB/DB	Pottstown	3.0	2023	Bronze

### **BOYS' BASKETBALL**

#### NAMED TO THE PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE SECOND TEAM

- ➤ Nyles Bunn-McNeill
- Corey Cottman
- > Darius Smallwood
- Jahzeel Watson

#### NAMED TO THE MERCURY ALL AREA SECOND TEAM

Jahzeel Watson

#### NAMED TO THE MERCURY ALL AREA HONORABLE MENTION TEAM

- Corey Cottman
- Darius Smallwood







# ALL CONFERENCE PAC TEAM

**2ND TEAM HONORS** 



### **Senior Night Boys' Basketball Photos:**











### **Senior Night Winter Cheerleading Photos:**









### **GIRLS' BASKETBALL**

NAMED TO THE PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE FIRST TEAM

> Trinell Watson

NAMED TO THE PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERNECE SECOND TEAM

Calista Daye

NAMED TO THE MERCURY ALL AREA HONORABLE MENTION TEAM:

Trinell Watson





### Senior Night Girls' Basketball Photos:









### **WRESTLING**

#### **Trojan Wrestlers Pin Down Academic Honors**

Congratulations to members of the Pottstown High School Trojan wrestling team who are proving that hard work pays off on the mat and in the classroom. Nine members of the team earned academic honor at the end of the second marking period. Earning Distinguished Honors were, Jared Hewitt, Jestyn Snyder, Matt Deppen, Zoe Earle, Julianna Figueroa, Diego Jaime, and Kennedy Cole (team student support person). Named to Honors were Devon Green and Mason Miller. Coach Nick Wade said, "Wrestling provides the foundation to develop self-discipline and goal setting. I am proud of our student athletes who are putting our team philosophy of hard work pays off when you make every second count to work both on the mat and in the classroom. Trojan wrestling has a long history of wrestlers who have succeeded both athletically and academically. Today's team members are putting together the building blocks that will lead to success in their adult lives."





#### **Trojan Female Wrestlers Win Battle In Gettysburg**

Pottstown High School female members of the wrestling team traveled to Gettysburg to take part in



an all-female dual meet tournament. They teamed up with Gettysburg High School to take on teams from ten other schools from across the state in three rounds of competition. The Trojans with their Gettysburg partners went undefeated for the day scoring three convincing victories. Individually the Trojans had great success with Mia Bumbarger going 3-1 on the day with 3 pins the fastest in 26 seconds. Zoe Earle looked strong, scoring 2 pins while going 2-1.

Julianna Figueroa went 3-1 with 2 pins, fastest in 29 seconds. She dropped a hard fought 9-5 loss to one of the top ranked wrestlers in the nation. Coach Wade said, "I am very proud of our wrestlers. Their hard work is paying off. They come to practice every day ready to put in the work to improve. Today was an example of Effort - Execution - Results. Our wrestlers are part of a statewide effort to have the PIAA recognize female wrestling as an official sport."







### **Wrestling Senior Night Photos:**













#### **Trojan Girl Wrestlers Making History**

Congratulations to Pottstown High School girl wrestlers, Julianna Figueroa, Zoe Earle, Mia Bumbarger, and Xiyah Robinson, who are pioneers in helping to promote girls wrestling as a sanctioned sport by the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association. Their performance at the My House State All Girl Championships lived up to the team philosophy, hard work pays off when you make every second count. Julianna Figueroa placed 2nd at the 134 pound class.



She is the 1st female three-time state medal winner in the PHS Trojan program. Mia Bumbarger placed 6th at 147 pound class, and along with Xiyah Robinson who placed 4th in the 222 class are two-time state medal winners. Senior Zoe Earle went 2-2 on the day to end a highly successful high school career.

### NAMED TO THE PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE FRONTIER DIVISION HONORABLE MENTION TEAM:

> Devon Green

#### NAMED TO THE MERCURY ALL AREA HONORABLE MENTION TEAM

- Julianna Figueroa
- Devon Green





### **SWIMMING**

### **Senior Night Photos:**



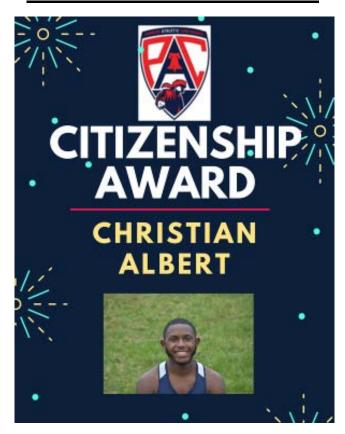




### PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE ALL ACADEMIC TEAM



## PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE WINTER CITIZEN ATHLETE AWARD



### **STAFF**

#### **Celebrating Black History Month**

Check out the activities our teachers are doing virtually!

-Mr. Martin's 7th grade Social Studies class started with a google earth tour focusing on lesser-known Distinguished Black Pioneers of history and then watched a 10 min video clip about Ruby Bridges giving a first-hand account of breaking the color barrier in school. They then followed it up with a discussion about how living in a diverse community like Pottstown can help with the acceptance of all people.

-Art Teacher at Franklin & Rupert Elementary, Ms. Procsal, taught her 3rd & 4th graders about one person making a difference and how Martin Luther King Jr. did so non-violently. Students then watched a tutorial video on how to create their own MLK art piece.

-Ms. Rothenberger's 5th-grade homeroom class learned about 1 famous African American every morning from a slide presentation that the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Middle School principal, Danielle Davis had found. The slides have a read-aloud, famous quote, and then a short video/biography on the famous person. Ms. Rothenberger said it has sparked many morning conversations!

Congratulations to Pottstown High School teacher Arden Moore! Arden was selected as a



Frontline Hero by the Philadelphia Phillies! Frontline Heroes will be honored with a big "sign of gratitude" from the Phillies and their fans. Arden is recognized for continually stepping up to the plate to serve the community during the pandemic. She is one of only 41 Frontline Heroes honored and spotlighted with a street sign banner surrounding Citizens Bank Park. The banner will be on display beginning with the Phillies opener on Thursday, April 1st.

Arden was nominated for her continued efforts as a Special Education teacher at the high school. Arden has been teaching Life Skills from the building every day since August, while receiving chemotherapy treatments.

"There can never be enough gratitude shown to the extraordinary men and women who have been on the front lines since the onset of the pandemic," said Michael Harris,

Phillies Vice President, Marketing & New Media. "Their bravery and commitment to the community is remarkable. With the help of our fans, some of these amazing individuals who go above and beyond each day will now be honored in a unique and memorable way at Citizens Bank Park."

Trojan Proud of Arden, for all that she does for Pottstown's students every day! She gives us another reason to say Proud to be from Pottstown.

#### Barth Elementary School - Grade 3

Caleb	Allen
Brielle	Brinkley
Janellis	Caban-Mercado
Jashir	Carter
Brianna	Di Chiara
Justice	Ford
Kaderine	Franco-Donis
Zamora	Gibbs
Julian	Granozio
Isabella	Johnson
Lily	Kinzel
Ayva	Kletzing
Jayden	Mattis
Anthony	Ritschard
Jacqueline	Santiago
Aaniyah	Williams

### Barth Elementary School - Grade 4

Daitil Clei	nentary Schoo
Joziah	Astacio
Rhiannon	Bielawski
Aaliyah	Broomes
Natasha	Clemens
Sanaa	Davis
Amelia	Diehl
Grace	Eby
Deandre	James
Alonna	Kacanda
Miya	Kletzing
Madison	Llewellyn
Kaylee	Lowman
Aayden	McCain
James	Philippsen
Meredith	Pope
Elizabeth	Reyes
Marian	Solis Zecena
Ali	Thornton
Danielle	Trabucco
Sienna	Tshikalu
Jasmyne	Upchurch
Isabella	Wagner
Ja'Nahla	Wilson

#### Franklin Elementary School - Grade 3

Edward	Adamski
Isabella	Amador
Ares	Broussard
Jordan	Bryant
Emma	Campbell
Luke	Carvalho
Adelynn	Coles
Jordan	Comly-McNemar
Noah	Conbeer
Jordan	Diehl
Zeriah	Fairel
Patrick	Galamba
Isabella	Garcia
Callie	Harper
Kaylee	Howard
Hannah	Jaycox
Isaac	Kancianic
Ky'Ayer	McCalvin
Kendall	Miller
Blake	Milner
Ky'Manii	Morrison
Landon	Nhim
Kenzie	Pallay-Williams
Catherine	Pena
Chase	Pittman-Bookard
Jamilyn	Rudnicki
Berlin	Sheckleford
Analise	Snowden
Elayna	Soos
Ashirah	Still
Peyton	Tinson
Oliver	Trout
Elizabeth	Wasylkowski
Jeremi	Wesley
Aiyanna	Zipay

#### Franklin Elementary School - Grade 4

Julietta	Aguilera Macias
Emma	Allen
Kimberly	Chhern
Karen	Cocar
Paul	Donohie
Ace	Folly
Dustin	Gallagher
Miguel	Govea-Pimentel
Alexandra	Green
Justin	Hughes
Gabriella	Krasley
Evan	Krestel
Adrienne	Leitz
Noah	Moser
Christian	Quiles
Elizabeth	Reazor
Javon	Richardson
Edward	Sloss
Haiden	Wade

#### Lincoln Elementary School - Grade 3

Noah	Applegate
Andrew	Aviles
Jacob	Blackwell
Amir	Brice
Nehemiah	Burgess
Amiliya	Conrad
Anora	Crosbie
Reagan	Culbreath
Jaxson	Dziewit
Shane	Eddy
Mason	Egolf
Layla	Grant
Ava	Gulbish
Brayden	Hoffmaster
Mariah	Laboy
Liam	Moser
Colby	Moyer
Chandler	Peaco
Feby	Perez Domingo
Hayden	Rhoades
Jacob	Strobel
Layla	Williams
Drakkar	Wright

#### Lincoln Elementary School - Grade 4

James	Ashley
Frank	Davila
Lucien	Fair
La'Daveia	Haddock
Calliope	Hall
Justin	Horne
Thomas	Inthaphone
Clara	Johnson
Qahira	Jones
KateLynn	Kearney
Tariss	Lacey
Oliver	Leonard
Cole	McLaughlin
Lexi	Oswald
Joshua	Reifsneider
Thomas	Rose
Angela	Ross
Cody	Sheeran

#### Rupert Elementary School - Grade 3

Micah	Bailey
Devonte	Barnes
Aidan	Branagh
Lyla	Caraballo
Sage	Carter
Sophia	Carter
Kirsten	Douglass
Aaliyah	Dubost
Luis	Gomez Smith
Kristen	Granese
Sevoughn'	Jones
Olivia	Jusits
Cynia	Lucky
Jahmai	Molina Lorenzo
Audrey	Muriel
Julianna	Pickens
Penelope	Rivard
Caelan	Singer
Sidney	Spiece
Jolayah	Sutton
Kainat	Tariq
Kaidon	Terpoilli
Ezrah	Wilkerson
Julius	Williams
Amara	Young

#### Rupert Elementary School - Grade 4

Rania	Ait Lqol
Da'Jour	Barnes
Kristy	Calle
Nery	Castillo Chavez
Kellen	Douglas
John	Ellwanger
Salese	Ervin
Christian	Fisher
Landon	Ford
John	Gantert
Leyla	Gibson
Jose	Gomez Smith
Jasmin	Guardado Vasquez
Michael	Hallinger
Amiyah	Hill
Logan	Johnson
Ayden	Ketterer
Mason	McCray
Elizabeth	McKenzie
Aiden	Ondik
Demitri	Rector-Horton
Alexander	Reyes-Jones
Aurora	Schwartz
Jayden	Sluzenski
Ryan	Stilwell
Owen	Thornton
Laila	White
Amir	Williams
Nicole	Young

#### PMS - Grade 5 Distinguished Honors

Shahed	Aljashoubi
Jacob	DuVal
Maya	Elgendy
Autumn	Fair
Briannah	Freeman
Felicia	Fry
Lillian	Green
Gabriel	Hampton
Cayden	Hayes
Levi	Jaycox
Leyna	Johnson
Shambria	Johnson
Ezra	King
Kamryn	King
Brianna	Long
Alejandro	Maldonado-Rivas
Jaxen	Nihart
Aubrey	O'Blosser
Catherine	Pineda Penate
Royer	Rodriguez
William	Rose
Avaliyah	Scurry
Damien	Stonestreet
Zachary	Waters
Dennis	Yost
Lucy	Zuniga

#### PMS - Grade 6 Distinguished Honors

Dimitrus	Alston
Ryan	Amole
Rae'Sean	Cook-Johnson
Glenndale	Fegeley
John	Hill
Ayden	Hine
Youssef	Mahmoud
Oliver	Pineda-Penate
Abigayle	Santiago
Stanley	Smith
Dillin	Thong
Kira	Yantz

#### PMS - Grade 7 Distinguished Honors

Christiana	Allen
Leah	Blackwell
Zyla	Burke
Jade	Caballero-Vega
Annasophia	Chhern
Michelle	Cocar Paredes
Mairelys	Concepcion
Hugo	Costa
Mariah	Covert
Isabella	Deluca
Austin	Derstine
Wesam	Elgendy
Saniyah	Fox
Damion	Fry
Lily	Garber
Austin	Hampton
Gaige	Harsh
Madeleine	Heidel
Jayanna	Hill
Arek	Javage
Josiah	Lamar
Amelia	Maldonado-Rivas
Megan	McGinn
Justina	Nhim
Nevaeh	Peaco
Carice	Peart
Colin	Plank
Nye	Powell
Triniti	Rhodes-Fisher
Johan	Rivera
Skylar	Romano
Ana	Salazar Lopez
Garrett	Shope
Natalie	Shope
Anthony	Suber
Allyana	Sykes
Cianne	Wells

#### PMS - Grade 8 Distinguished Honors

Diego	Aguilera
Ambriana	Baryeh
Cheynin	Boyer
Skylar	Brower
Daniela	Castillo
Olivia	Chin
Aniyah	Crump
Lunna	Davila
Ryan	Edde
Karli	Eddinger
Naden	Elgendy
Allyson	Ford
Lili	Freese
Jacob	Givens
Carmen	Gomez
Mahogany	Hill
Dayontae	Hoskins
Terelle	Lowery
Taylor	Maguire
Kai	O'Brien
Janette	Penate
Barkley	Reid
Julia	Smith
Nyel	Thompson
Aniyah	Wells
Ja-Nyai	White

#### PMS - Grade 5 Honors

Nicholas	Adam
Dylan	Bartholomew
Savana	Bauman
Steven	Bowen
Kaisy	Castillo
Nicole	Castillo
Peyton	Coale
Aidan	Conrad
Kylie	Covert
Riley	Dolhi
Chase	Drost
London	Glenn
Dah'mir	Goings
Kendra	Howard
Kassidy	Jackson
lyanna	Johnson
Eli	Kancianic
Nathan	Knabb
Jaelynn	McCray
Callen	Miller
Lola	Milner
Isabella	Moore
Ayden	Olvera
Casey	Perry
David	Pinos-Castillo
Joel	Ramos
Talia	Stover
Nyanna	Thompson
Hayden	Tice-Carfagno
Zaniyah	Trott-Wright
Aiden	Watkins
Za'Mirah	Whitley
Marcus	Williams

#### PMS - Grade 6 Honors

Corey	Brooks
Alyssa	Broughton
Essence	Brown
Santiago	Castillo
Ayla	Folly
Zavion	Fox
Chastelyn	Gonzalez Galarza
Bryan	Guerrier
Gaia	Hallahan
Keriah	Hendricks
Kyeson	Hernandez
Breanna	Hoefel
Yaileen	Irizarry
Addison	Lafferty
Hallie	Lilick
Riley	Maguire
Alexander	Marin Sanchez
Jocelyn	Mercado
Jessa	Miller
Olivia	Miller
Rashawn	Mines
Kelsey	O'Connor
Angelina	Quiles
Christopher	Rose
Yamiraha	Sahad
Joshua	Sands
Alan	Sears
Isaiah	Whiting
Crystal	Williams
De'Vayah	Williams
Floyd	Young

#### PMS - Grade 7 Honors

Alivia	Boyer	
Josue	Castillo Chavez	
Namika	Delgado-Cruz	
Lily	Felix	
Jacob	Granozio	
Joshua	Holly	
Brandon	Hughes	
Joseph	Kletzing	
Ryan	Kutsch	
Joao	Lima Valadares	
Ana	Maldonado-Lucas	
Jazzlyn	Miller-Tribble	
Caden	Nihart	
Maribel	Ortiz	
Damien	Paul	
Kamrin	Robinson	
Brighton	Scott	
Kyree	Stillman	
Olivia	Stitt	
Mackenzie	Strobel	
Arian	Tinson	
Kanijah	Turlington	
Jaron	Verdone	
Bryan	Villagomez	
Emely	Villegas	
Tekhi	White	
Ariana	Wilson	
Khabreya	Woodson	

#### PMS - Grade 8 Honors

Patrick	Auman
Madison	Beard
Ebony	Brown
Xyaire	Burke
Troy	Burrier
Jareth	Clark
Ethan	Collins
Madison	Dailey
Ezriel	Felder
lmani	Galloway
Jayden	Gilmore
Amirah	Graves
Jahmir	Jackson
Alexander	Jimenez Rosales
Khaliah	Johnson
Aiden	Kancianic

#### PMS - Grade 8 continued

Brock	Klopp
Julius	Madden
Gianni	Mahario
Pedro	Martinez Guardado
Daniel	Pittman
Jahiem	Pratt
Justin	Rivera Posas
Kyairah	Smith
Christopher	Thomas
Chase	Winston

#### PHS - Grade 9 Distinguished Honors

Elizabeth	Adedeji
Adam	Alaoui
Natalia	Banks
Layla	Bearden
Peyton	Benfield
Nyla	Blake-Walls
Mia	Bolman
Jordan	Bowen
Tyler	Broughton
Michael	Calano
Megan	Cannell
Emily	Castillo
Angelina	Chhern
Nayianna	Clyde
Nicholas	Cohen Arena
Simir	Coleman
Leilandi	Davis
Alexis	Demeter
Sean	Deppen
Dominic	DiPietro
Danica	Donhauser
Dalojah	Dowling
Eva	Eddinger
Brittany	Endy
Regina	Fleming
Makenna	Franey

#### PHS – Grade 9 Distinguished Honors

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Jade	Garber
Ismaeel	Garfield
Nathanael	Grant
Samuel	Guardado
Amira	Sanchez Hall
Hannah	Ingham
Mehki	Jenkins Glover
Julia	Kulp
Anthony	Kutsch
Baden	Landy
Diana	Leon
- WEIGH 1997/19	
Keiara	Lesley
Sarish	Mendez Rivera
Christian	Morales
Tara	Morgan
Grayce	Morton
Jonathan	Moser
Ashley	Ormston
Gabriela	Pagan
Tabitha	Paul
Alyssa	Pearson
Najae	Perez
Maria Guadalupe	Reyes Juarez
Savannah	Richards
LaRayna	Rosado
Sophia	Russo
Kaley	Salazar Lopez
Tyler	Santiago
Devon	Smith
Makayla	Smith
Rodrigo	Solis
Austin	Sundstrom
Brooke	Thomas
Chloe	Weiss
Ashley	Weller
Diamond	Williams
Matthew	Zaborsky

### PHS - Grade 10 Distinguished Honors

Leilani	Distinguished Hor Alberto
Kaela	Auman
Anaeja	Charles
Christopher	Chhern
Ethan	Chin
John	Cipollini
Anna	Coale
Kyle	Corbin
Hannah Jane	Daniels
Margaret	DiPietro
Abigail	Eagle
Abdel	Elgendy
Mark	Ellison
Ganaelle	Felicien
Yasmeen	Felton
Henry	Fetterman
Lilian	Fetterman
Derek	Gephart
Ariana	Gilmore
Keishla	Gonzalez-Galarza
Faith	Hammer
Charles	Hartman
Jared	Hewitt
Olivia	Hickey
Gabriel	Hicks
Krista	Leinbach
Katlyn	Levengood
William	Levey
David	Mackewicz III
Jocelyn	Malauulu
Elise	Marley
Ethan	Masewicz
Khamya	Mayo
Jordan	Mest
Kiera	Moyer
Derick	Nunez Menjivar
Alice	Pan

### PHS – Grade 10 Distinguished Honors continued

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lan	Salisbury
Seth	Shelton
Avery	Shope
Thomas	Spence
London	Trout
Jordan	Wabish
Leigha	Walton
Serin	Warneke
Sanaa	Watson
Kasaundra	Wesley
Brianna	Williams
Ceaira	Worrell-Tilghman

#### PHS - Grade 11 Distinguished Honors

	<u>e 11 Distinguished</u>
Amber	Adamski
Noah	Bolman
Madeline	Bruton
Ramya	Carpenter
Michelle	Castillo
Jimi	Chavalaporn
Kennedy	Cole
Calista	Daye
Joseph	DeLeo
Colin	Dellaquila
Anthony	DiPietro
Erynn	Dunning
Nada	Elgendy
Angelica	Feliciano Torres
Hailey	Gerrish
Beatriz	Guardado
Tyler	Harper
Summer	Hollingsworth
Jalilah	Hood
Gerle	Jimenez Gomez
Maria	Jimenez
Ahmir	Jones
Nasir	Knuckles

### PHS – Grade 11 Distinguished Honors continued

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JoLaila	Lamarre	
Michael	Lilick	
Ja'Zell	Meade	
Zachary	Mitchell	
Mohamed	Mohamed	
Jacob	Moser	
Mackenzie	Moser	
Allison	Ormston	
Yasmin	Paez	
Anthony	Pinos	
Annabelle	Poston	
Jesseny	Redrovan	
Jessica	Rivera	
Rafi	Sanchez	
Thomas	Santiago	
Jestyn	Snyder	
Ariana	Torres	
Lacie	Townsend	
Trinell	Watson	
Daniel	Williams	
Jayniana	Williams	
Joshua	Wilson	

#### PHS - Grade 12 Distinguished Honors

Christian	Albert	
Christiana	Albert	
Seif	Ammouri	
Adriana	Araujo Juarez	
Elijah	Barnes	
lyesha	Belgrave	
Haile	Clayton	
Christian	Coale	
Katherine	Cocar	
Samantha	Deery	
Shameur	Delecia	
Vincenzo	DeLeo	
Matthew	Deppen	

### PHS – Grade 12 Distinguished Honors

Vrictie	<u>continued</u>	
Kristin	DiPietro	
Kaelyn	Draucker	
Isabelle	Dupon	
Zoe	Earle	
Julianna	Figueroa	
Sanaa	Fleet-Polk	
Logan	Franey	
Sharon	Gatheca	
Lamoni	Green	
Haley	Haas	
CyeNyla	Hall	
Nathan	Harper	
Carson	Hewitt	
Cynae	Hills	
Jack	Hipple	
Allison	Horne	
Angela	Hunsberger	
Jeffrey	Johnson	
Isaiah	Lamar	
Matthew	Lesher	
Samantha	Levey	
Brianna	Lineman	
Diego	Magana Jaime	
Dylan	Maximenko	
Emily	McCollum	
Joseph	Misko	
Timothy	Mohn	
Dylan	Murphy	
Naomi	Parson	
Kishan	Patel	
Jamaal	Pratt	
Pearce	Raegler	
Robert	Raegler	
Destri	Roye	
Nicole	Rubach	
Olivia	Scholl	
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#### PHS - Grade 12 Distinguished Honors continued

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Darius	Smallwood
Lillian	Stirk
Sincere	Strimpel
Raine	Thomas
Michelle	Villagomez
Omar	Villagomez
Jahzeel	Watson
Jazlynn	Watson
Austin	Weller
Hannah	Wilson
Harmony	Wood
Kevin	Zvodar

#### PHS - Grade 9 Honors

Dylan Dylan	S - Grade 9 Honors Basile
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Madison	Beasley
David	Beiler
Mikyla	Brandon
Alexis	Burruss
Caylise	Canales
Rosario	Clemens
Beckem	Cole
Ava	Collier
Anna	Deane
Avery	Dimino
Naeem	Dover
Myles	Hancock
Amber	Heater
Steven	Jimenez Gomez
Brynn	McClune
Claire	McCord
Jarius	Minor
Quinn	Perry
Jachob	Pusicz
Phoenix	Rhoads
Grace	Rivera
Sylyn	Savage

#### PHS - Grade 9 Honors continued

Rayona	Taylor
Christian	Toland
Kris	Wise

Sabrina	Albert
Desiree	Baker
Rashean	Bostic
Larry	Carter
Giovanni	Cordovi
Nicole	Daye
Alisia	Doane
Madison	Dunn
Vanessa	Eddy
Jamie	Freese
Spencer	Gatheca
Devon	Green
Khalea	Hamilton
Jurnee	Harris
Mary-Joan	Hogan
Melody	Jackson
Jihad	Jeter
Krissa	Linderman
Fatima	Lopez Linares
Ty'Jaye	Manning
Thomas	McGinn
Mason	Miller
Wilfred	Perez
Montesia	Pernell
Taylor	Powell
Jibrel	Pratt
Fredy	Rodriguez
Danielle	Rubincam
Alianna	Samuel
Gabriel	Seals
Cory	Spence
Stephanie	Taylor
Michael	Williams
Caleb	Yocom

#### PHS - Grade 11 Honors

Tajera	Bass
Courtney	Bratten
Joel	Coccie
Darron	Daniels
Justyna	Epright
Jacob	Fisher
Ashley	Giampetro
Makenzie	Grepps
Jared	Long
Angelina	Ludy
Shanti	Maldonado-Gonzalez
Kaleigh	Martin
Patrick	OConnor
Jahzere	Rolle
James	Ryder
Hunter	Shawell
Destiny	Torres
Melodie	Velez
Jabril	Washington

#### PHS - Grade 12 Honors

Leila	Abdur Rahman	
Avianna	Camacho	
Corey	Cottman	
Abel	Cruz	
Natalie	Fichthorn	
Anyae	Germany	
Rebecca	Greghini-Williams	
Aryanna	Hernandez	
Devon	Hill	
Marekeil	Johnson	
Caleb	Quiles	
Gabriela	Reyes	
Alaina	Richter	
Zachary	Sands	
Ashley	Selner	
Dominic	Stamm	
Jaleinda	Thompson	
Niana	White	

### **HIGH SCHOOL**

#### What Is Cooking On The Front Burner

Thanks to Pottstown High School Director of Career & Technical Education, Dave Livengood, the culinary arts students have a brand new line of equipment to help them develop the skills they will need to enter the workplace. Mr. Livengood was able to partner with equipment supplier Vulcan



and 4 Star Reps to secure a \$50,000 grant which, along with matching funds, were used to replace old outdated equipment in the kitchen that serves as a working classroom.

Teacher, Chef Steve Irick, a PHS graduate of the program himself, pointed out that the 20+ year old equipment for both group instruction and multiple catering events a month had seen better days. "I am pretty sure most of this equipment was here when I was a student in the program."

Livengood proudly said, "With the help of 4 Star and Vulcan, we now have a state-of-art kitchen that will greatly improve the students' learning experience."





#### **PHS Marketing Students Shine In Competition**

Pottstown High School marketing students (DECA), under the direction of sponsors Kevin Pascal and Victoria McShea, participated in the Annual District 8 Career Development Conference. DECA is a noteworthy career and technical student organization that is conducted through high schools and colleges. Due to COVID challenges this year's district competition was completed online, rather than in person. Of the 24 students that competed, 9 earned place winner medals and will be competing at the DECA state conference. The competition involved students taking a 100 question content test and a situational role play. Students' role playing is judged on the effectiveness of their responses to the business situations and inquiries that are presented to them. Both the test and role play expose competitors to real-life scenarios and provide valuable experience and knowledge. Their very proud sponsor Ms. McShea said, "We are so proud of these



amazing students. They were able to overcome so many obstacles with a fully virtual competition and they prevailed and exceeded expectations! They are learning first hand that hard work pays off. DECA students give us another reason to say Proud to be from Pottstown."

The purpose of DECA is to educate students about various aspects of business, while promoting leadership, hard work, and productivity. Through DECA, students are encouraged to explore numerous occupations and utilize resources to challenge themselves.

#### **Award winners included:**

lyesha Belgrave	Hospitality Tourism Team Decision Making	1st Place & Highest Test Score
Faith Nichols	Hospitality Tourism Team Decision Making	1st Place & Highest Test Score
CyeNyla Hall	Accounting Applications	1st Place, Highest Test Score, and Highest Role Play
Kishan Patel	Entrepreneurship	1st Place, Highest Test Score, and Highest Role Play
Jayniana Williams	Hotel Lodging Management	1st Place & Highest Role Play
Jocelyn Malauulu	Restaurant & Food Service Management	2nd Place
Dylan Maximenko	Retail Merchandising	Highest Test Score
Tyler Boughton	Principles of Business Management & Administration	2nd Place
Gabe Hicks	Principles of Marketing	2nd Place
Mackenzie Moser	Personal Financial Literacy	2nd Place

Pottstown High School senior Kishan Patel is another example of hard work paying off. As an



honor student, one of the Senior Student Representatives to the school board, and an advocate for state reform of educational funding system his days are filled with work. He was awarded a \$25K national scholarship.

You can read all about it in Mr. Evan Brandt's <u>Digital Notebook Blog</u>.

#### **VOICES OF INEQUITY**

Journalism students at Ursinus College, supported by a grant from Project Pericles, dedicated a semester to interviewing students at Montgomery County public high schools to get their perspective on the impact Pennsylvania's inequitable school funding had on their education. Thanks to Professor Doron Taussig and his students for helping be the voice and tell the story of the students, schools and communities that struggle with an unfair, unethical funding system that stands as a roadblock to success. Special thanks to Mercury reporter Mr. Evan Brandt for all of his efforts to help bring justice and equity to school funding.

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL**

#### "Ice Ride" Entertainment For a Stay at Home day

Mrs. Katie German, Pottstown Middle School Band Director, and the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade band presented an entertaining virtual "Ice Ride" concert on a cold snowy day in February. The concert was composed especially for the band by composer, Ben Hylton, and includes a cinematic backing track with ice sound effects. Please enjoy the talents of our students and share another reason we say, "Proud to be from Pottstown."



### **ELEMENTARY**

Rupert Elementary Principal Mr. Matt Moyer and his staff recognize that the challenging times of COVID have caused many students to feel a loss and need for face-to-face interaction. With facemask on, 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 3rd Marking Period. I'MPACT is an acronym for I'm Pottstown Action Community Team. Its mission is to "Celebrate Learning" with positive communication of activities happening at school through the building of relationships with community members. The team makes door-to-door visits to surprise students and their families with certificates of achievement, 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, and administrators from Rupert Elementary School. Speaking to the importance and power of the visits Mr. Moyer said, "Even a pandemic and Covid-19 didn't stop us from recognizing our students!! The hour we spend visiting our students and recognizing their achievements, brings joy to our team!"

#### <u>I'MPACT Winners for the 2nd Marking Period:</u>

Kindergarten - Wesley Pittman

1<sup>st</sup> Grade - Sincere Paschall

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade - Mila Harkin

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade - Aliya Stillman

4<sup>th</sup> Grade - Stacey Reina Villegas

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

Principal: Matthew Moyer; Staff: Kerry Kline, Tracy Comacho, Laurie Gresko, Cindy Bartolucci, Beth Burkhimer, Jamie Fazekas, Allen Ferster, Shannon Richey, Cathleen Emerick, Kelsey Hultz





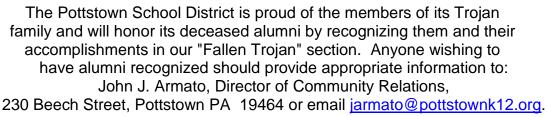








### **FALLEN TROJANS**





> George H. Seidel, Jr. - Class of 1950 - was born in Pottstown, PA on February 14, 1932,



the son of the late George and Mary (Bishop) Seidel, Sr. George Jr. was the widower of Lois J. (Shetter) Seidel who died in 2011 after 56 years of marriage. He was a 1954 graduate of Kutztown State College. Mr. Seidel served in the Korean War at Fort Sill Oklahoma as a Chief Information and Education Specialist. He retired from the Associated Petroleum Industries of Pennsylvania where he served as Executive Director from 1985 – 1997. George was appointed by PA Governor Dick Thornburgh as Director of Legislative Relations and Secretary of Legislative Affairs, serving from 1978 - 1985. He was

employed by the Pennsylvania State Education Association as a Field Representative, then as Director of Field Operations and finally as Assistant Executive Director before joining the Thornburgh administration. George began his long and distinguished career as a history teacher in the Spring City School District at Springford Senior High School. George previously served as president of the Springford Education Association and the Montgomery County Education Association. He was a member of the National Education Association, State Education Association and the National Association of Legislative and Political Specialists in Education. George was a member of the Pennsylvania State Board of Education from 1980-2004. After retirement George enjoyed spending time with his wife and family, golfing and watching the Philadelphia Phillies and Eagles games.



Jan L. Hartenstine - Class of 1980 - was a cherished daughter of the late Raymond C. Hartenstine, Jr. and the late Rosemarie L. (Schutz) Hartenstine. She went on to attend DEC Workshop (Pottstown and Willow Grove) until 2016 and BonHomie (Limerick) from 2016 - 2020. Jan's genuine, contagious laugh and terrific sense of humor earned her friends wherever she went, and she loved to travel, work on puzzles. and sing and dance to favorite music (particularly polka and Christmas carols). Jan had many star turns performing with Harmony Theater, a performing arts collaborative for adults with disabilities at Gwynedd-Mercy College, and also worshipping with Rejoicing Spirits at St. James Lutheran Church.

Donna Leaver - Class of 1965 - was the daughter of the late Thomas S. and Helen R.



(Smith) Webber. She was born in Brownsville and lived in Johnstown and Pottstown before moving to Harrisburg in 1972. Donna worked for more than twenty years at the Pennsylvania State Employees Credit Union. She was a longtime member of Paxton Presbyterian Church where she served as a deacon, elder and choir member.

Dale W. Moyer, 87, - Class of 1950 - was the husband of Ann Marie (Semet) Moyer, and



son of the late Leroy R. Moyer and the late Esther M. (Erb) Moyer. Dale graduated from Gettysburg College. He served four years in the Air Force. He worked in personnel for the former Boyertown Casket Company, and worked thirty years at Specht Insurance. Dale served on the YMCA board for twenty years, and collected for the United Way, Boy Scouts, and YMCA building campaign. He was an active member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Pottstown. He served several terms on church council, one year as president, Sunday School

treasurer, taught adult classes and sang in the choirs from age 8. Music was a main part of his life singing at many weddings, funerals, and special occasions including the National Anthem at Bear Stadium and Veterans Stadium for the Eagles. He also sang with Coventry Singers and Boyertown Area Choral Association.

> Bonnie Gayle Letcher (Detwiler) - Class of 1962 - was the loving wife of the late Glenn



Letcher, with whom she shared 50 years of marriage. Born in Pottstown on May 13, 1944, Bonnie was the daughter of the late Helen (Schwartz) and Howard Detwiler. She was a cheerleader throughout junior and high school, which included the football team's undefeated season in 1961. Bonnie spent 27 years as a librarian aide at both Jacksonwald and Owatin Creek Elementary Schools; and summers found her working in the office at the Antietam Pool. Annual trips down the shore fostered Bonnie's love of the ocean, and Stone Harbor, NJ, became a beloved destination

for her throughout her life. She loved sitting by the w ater and reading, and exploring new restaurants and attractions along the shore. Bonnie was, until the very end, an incredibly enthusiastic and optimistic person, and someone who truly valued bonds of friendship and family. From her longtime PHS friends, to her breakfast crew in Exeter, to her active involvement in the Pottstown Doe Club, she always made time to meet, check in on friends, and enjoy life.

Corey Boekhoudt - Class of 1987 - Corey transitioned suddenly on January 27, 2021 in



Rock Hill, South Carolina. He was 51 years old. Corey was honorably discharged from the US Army. He was a resident of Pottstown before relocating to South Carolina. He will be missed by his wife, children and other relatives and friends.

Junius Bradley Sessoms III - Class of 1964 - 74, of Somers Point, NJ, was the husband of



Roberta G. (Stanton) Sessoms, with whom he shared 52 years of marriage. Born in the Naval Hospital in Jacksonville, FL, on August 20, 1946, JB was the son of the late Junius Bradley Sessoms Jr., and Helen Irene (Fenstermacher) Sessoms; and brother of the late Philip Charles Sessoms. JB grew up in Pottstown, PA. He was a member of the SunnyBrook & YMCA swim teams, and was also a lifeguard for SunnyBrook. He

graduated from West Chester University in 1968. JB continued his education while serving in the United States Navy; he attended both Officer Candidate School and Naval Postgraduate School. He worked for Merck Sharp & Dohme Corporation on the development of vaccines for MMR, and then attended graduate school at Rutgers University. JB, also known as "The Strawberry Man," was the owner of Below Sea Level, The Fudge Boat, and most importantly, Sessoms' Gifts & Candies, all in Sea Isle City, NJ. He was an avid collector of sea shells and won multiple awards for his beautiful exhibits. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

> Walter Howard Schaeffer - Class of 1944 - As the center fielder, he and his brother Ray



helped the Pottstown Trojans baseball team win the 1944 Chester-Montgomery Baseball League Championship. He enlisted in World War II and deployed to the 8th Army in the Philippines. He was a technician 4th grade sergeant. After V-J Day, Walter was stationed at the 8th Army General Headquarters in Yokohama, Japan. After returning home from the war, he married his sweetheart Ruth Mock. They recently celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on December 9, 2020. Walter worked for 40 years in the Plastics Division

of Firestone Tire & Rubber and then Occidental in Pottstown. He was a member of the Birdsboro Church of the Nazarene for 70 years. He served as the Sunday School Superintendent for almost three decades and later became the Visitation Lay Minister for those unable to attend church.



> Donald A. Ziegler, - Class of 1948 - 90, of Vincennes, IN., husband of the late Ruth (Reese) Ziegler. Born in Pottstown, he was the son of the late Amos and Bertha (Schlegel) Ziegler. Don worked as a chief draftsman at Bethlehem Steel in Pottstown until its closing. He went on to retire from Vincennes Steel where he was Vice-President of engineering. He received his Bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Lafayette College and a Master's degree in Civil engineering from Drexel

University. He also served in the US Army. A member of First Baptist Church in Pottstown, he served as deacon, Sunday school teacher, and Boy Scout Troop Master.

➤ Lisa Marie (Grebe) Bicer — Class of 1983 - 55, passed away peacefully a month shy of her



56th birthday, under the care of Seasons Hospice in Pottstown Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, March 3rd, 2021 after a courageous fight with cancer. She was the loving wife of Gary M. Bicer. The couple married on August 26th, 1995. Lisa was born on April 3rd, 1965 in Pottstown, a daughter of Joyce (Roncace) Grebe and the late Blaine G. Grebe. She started off as a waitress right out of high school and stayed with it for 14 years. She then transitioned

to the Nutrition Group working in food service for Monocacy Elementary Center for 15 years. Lisa loved crafting, sewing and skiing. She liked to keep busy gardening or feeding the deer and birds. Family and friends called her "Suzie Homemaker" as she was very family oriented and loved taking care of everyone.



### **FALLEN TROJAN STAFF**



> Terry Lee Burnley, was born on November 18, 1945, in West Chester, Chester County, he



was the son of the late George M. and Dorothy (Hayden) Burnley. Terry was a 1963 graduate of Owen J. Roberts High School and studied at West Chester University, earning a B.S. and M.S. in Biology. He worked 31 years for the Pottstown School District as a High School Biology Teacher. He was an avid boater, spending many summers with Diane, his companion, on their boat at the Jersey Shore. He also enjoyed golf, which he took up with old friends after retirement. He loved to travel and enjoyed learning new facts and acquiring knowledge.

Charles Kanaskie - Charles was a golden sage volunteer who was dedicated to helping out



wherever he could. He was diligent about making sure the high school doors and windows were secure especially over weekends and holidays. He worked together with his daughter, Kathleen, on the flowers in the middle school garden. He was proud to be from Pottstown.

### **ALUMNI**

Congratulations to PHS grad Mason Pennypacker on being sworn in as the newest member of the Manheim Borough Police Department. Officer Pennypacker is a graduate of Penn State University and recently graduated from the Reading Police Academy. Trojan Proud of all Mason has accomplished. Manheim community could not have a better person to protect and serve them. He is another example of the PHS outstanding student-athlete grads. He was an Honor Roll student, 100 match Trojan Wrestler winner, and his hard work is paying off. Thanks for giving us another reason to say Proud to be from Pottstown.





PHS Alumni Trojan Lacee Ecker Becomes Legal Eagle Lacee Ecker is another, in the long line of graduated from Pottstown High School, who has used their PHS foundation to build a successful career. Read all about her rise to the top.







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