

# POTTSTOWN PRIDE

ACADEMICS AND ACTIVITIES  
PARTNERS FOR EDUCATIONAL  
EXCELLENCE



## WINTER 2021-2022

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



# POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT POINTS OF PRIDE WINTER 2021-2022



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 [www.pottstownschoools.org](http://www.pottstownschoools.org) or call 610-323-6274.

## [SAME Mission NEW Design](#)

Everyday our Pottstown team of educators, support staff and administrators stay focused on our district mission, Prepare each student, by name, for success at every level. Thanks to team members, **Carol Brightbill** and **Emily Overdorf** for their creative design and pictures illustrating the mission statement in the top banner picture roll on the homepage of our website. Staying on mission, more reason to say Proud to be from Pottstown. Please help share the good news.

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

Go to <http://www.pottstownschoools.org/AlumniPages.aspx> and then click on any of the highlighted years. The yearbooks provide an engaging narrative into the proud history of Pottstown. One can go as far back as 1914 to see the interest and fashion of the day. Pottstown School District may be one of a few districts in the country to provide this unique feature as a way of sharing community pride in our schools. Pottstown High School has over 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).

**PSD – Comprehensive Plan Overview**



POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Comprehensive Plan Overview

Stephen Rodriguez  
December 2021



Planning for the future, the school board heard a presentation on the progress of the district comprehensive plan that will guide the district for the next five years.

### [New Year Same Fight](#)

It may be a new year but it is the same fight for the fair funding of our schools. 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 outlines why we must continue to advocate for our children, schools and communities.

### [The Need to Learn Our History](#)

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 speaks to the importance of Black History Month acknowledging historical positive contributions and the education system outwardly and actively teaching cultural competence and the history, contributions, and value, of all races and ethnicities.

### [Preparing For Success](#)

Pottstown School District's Mission is to Prepare Each Student, By Name, For Success, at Every Level. This statement of purpose guides the actions of all district stakeholders to bring focus and clarity to our actions. The combined team efforts of educators, support staff, administrators, and school board members keep us on task to successfully fulfill our mission.

Thanks to Emily Overdorf, our social media specialist, for using her skills to help illustrate the story of our [district mission](#).



\*Please note: Most of the content of this video was filmed prior to pandemic facemask protocols. Please help share the story of our mission so others will understand why we say "Proud To Be From Pottstown."

### [Building a Foundation For Success](#)



Pottstown 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 what he learned on a trip to Boston about the foundation of education.



## [U.S. Rep. Madeleine Dean Visits Our Schools For First-hand Look](#)



Sometimes it's just best to see things first hand.

That's what U.S. Rep. Madeleine Dean, D-4th Dist., was doing Monday when she visited two Pottstown schools. She spent the morning at Pottstown High School and later at Rupert Elementary School.

At the high school, Dean said she heard from students and staff about the difficulties of trying to learn and teach virtually and how much "they all want this all to end so they can get back to something that looks like normal."

At Rupert, Principal Matthew Moyer told Dean about the "huge staffing problem" the district, his school included, is facing.

"Just this week, we are finally up to full staff for the first time all year. It's the worst I've seen it in 17 years," Moyer said.

An even more severe problem exists in finding substitutes. That's because Pennsylvania's pool of potential teachers, from which substitutes have traditionally been drawn, was dwindling even before the COVID-19 pandemic made it worse.



**Letter to the Editor: All Pa. students entitled to a quality education**

As a supporter of the public school system and an advocate for Pottstown students and teachers, I have kept a wary eye on the current state court case that is questioning whether our current system of funding in Pennsylvania is unconstitutional, failing to provide a “thorough and efficient” education for all children.

I was frankly shocked and insulted last week when John Krill, defense lawyer for Senate President Corman, who is named in the lawsuit, challenged a witness as to the necessity of teaching higher-level classes (i.e. biology or algebra) to students who were just going to work in food services or retail. I am not sure what has appalled me more in such a callous, classist and frankly aristocratic comment.

First, Krill should be apologizing to every single cashier, laborer and food service provider in the entire state. His implication that you don’t need the education to fulfill such a role is a supreme insult to anyone who has rolled up their sleeves and done a necessary job. They are the backbone of our society and should not be dismissed as lacking in intellect or education.

Secondly, I am wondering just exactly how Mr. Krill has acquired his level of omniscience, one that allows him to know exactly what careers students will aspire to based simply on their school district or zip code. May I go so far as to state that there is an ugly implication that, because many of the students being trampled under Pennsylvania’s educational system are also minorities, the statement is not simply classist but outright racist?

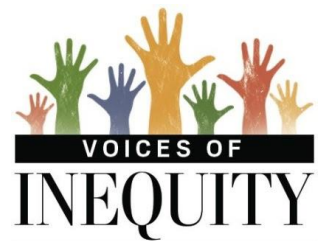
During George Washington’s First Annual Address, he informed the citizenry of this newly formed nation that, “Knowledge is in every country the surest base of public happiness.” You will notice that Washington did not stipulate that only wealthy children should have access to that knowledge. He also wasn’t interested in career choices. He was indicating that a well-educated person is happier and a better citizen, vital for our governmental system to flourish.

For me, Pennsylvania has violated the prime tenets of this country in a way that is so distasteful that I am embarrassed for a state I should be proud to call home. Krill’s casual assumption that some children are not entitled to a quality education because they might work a cash register or work in a fast-food venue should be a red flag. Pottstown’s children, as well as all the students in underfunded districts, deserve so much better.

— Candi Haas-Simmons, Pottstown

[Pottstown school board member](#) and co-founder of Pennsylvanians for Fair Funding speaks up for educational resources needed to unlock student potential.

**[Letter to editor: School board members across Pa. call for fair school funding](#)**





## [Pottstown's Vigil for Fair Funding](#)

The trial phase of the case looking to force Pennsylvania to fairly fund public schools may be over, but activists around the Keystone State gathered Tuesday, March 15, 2022, to show that the fight is not. In Pottstown, the vigil attracted more than 60 people and was held in front of the landmark Pottstown Middle School. In southeastern Pennsylvania, similar vigils were held in Norristown, Reading, Lansdowne and Oxford.





# Celebrating Pottstown History

Happy Black History Month! Although Black history extends beyond just one month, we are proud to celebrate the accomplishments of black community members across Pottstown.

## Black History Month



**Katina Bearden**

First Black Female Pottstown School Board President  
Associate Director in a top Fortune 500 company  
Pottstown Alumni

### What advice do you have for people looking to start their careers or become a leader?

Any person looking to start a career or enhance their leadership skills should first set their goal and desire to achieve it. Start by reading, networking, listening and learning from everyone that you can. Prioritize and plan activities around the goal. Enjoy the mini successes and roadbumps along the journey, as these help to build your knowledgebase and guide you to your destination. Work smart and efficiently. Do not focus on "cannots". Instead, analyze your path, create best steps, and focus on "doing". Learn from your mistakes, adjust and move forward. Surround yourself with positivity and remember, leading also means encouraging others. You are here for a purpose...Be a light!



Black Women Who Lead ✨

## Black History Month

**Na'imah Rhodes**

PHS Early Childhood Education Teacher  
Mentor for Leading Ladies  
Pottstown Alumni

### What advice do you have for people looking to start their careers or become a leader?

To anyone looking to become a leader and/or mentor, my advice is just do it! Very soon after graduating from Pottstown High School, I knew I wanted to work with teenagers. Unfortunately, it took me years to follow through on that desire. My roles as a teacher in the district and a mentor for Leading Ladies, were both a direct result of other people REALLY pushing me. I dealt with a lot of self-doubts, that I almost allowed to become a barrier. So please, trust yourself. If you know your intentions are genuine and well-meaning...just do it. Give yourself grace. You will make mistakes and that is part of the process. If you desire to work with the youth, be present and consistent. There is a huge misconception that kids are not paying attention to the small things, but they notice everything. Always keep your word, operate with love & respect, and be open-minded. Be honest about your struggles, it makes you human. Nothing will help a young person understand that they can overcome their obstacles more than seeing the direct results of never giving up. Always remain teachable. Remember that constructive criticism is crucial for your success as a leader.



Encourage feedback from the youth to ensure you are meeting your goals as a mentor. Finally, remember that your goal is quality, not quantity. If you only feel like you are making an impact on a small group of people, that is still something to celebrate. If my service only makes one person realize they have a purpose, they are valued, they are loved, and that someone believes in them...then I will know I am where I need to be.

Black Women Who Lead ✨



## Black History Month

**Dena Reeves**

Owner of Deliah & Dean Market  
219 E. High Street, Pottstown, PA



### What are the top 3 things you would want to pass on as advice to a young entrepreneur?

While there is no magic formula for being a successful entrepreneur, we have found these to be core values to our experience and success at Deliah & Dean Market:

1. Be honest and respectful,
2. Listen and communicate effectively; and,
3. Be flexible (resilient).

Mastering business skills such as good management, sales savvy and development of business plans go a long way, of course. But always remember that your personal qualities have great importance because that is how people truly connect with you!



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## Black History Month

**Deborah Spence**

Realtor at Fierce Realty Corp  
Pottstown School Board Member  
Author



### What are the top 3 things you would want to pass on as advice to a young entrepreneur?

1. Find a mentor to help you stay on the right track and keep you accountable.
2. Practice R and R. Resilience and Relentlessness. You must understand it's a huge mountain to climb to become successful as an entrepreneur, and the odds are against you, so you should prepare yourself mentally to stay the course and relentlessly pursue your dream no matter the odds.
3. Hone your craft. I encourage you to learn everything you can about running the business. Listen to a podcast, read books, attend seminars, take continuing education or college classes on entrepreneurship, and learn by doing. Get out there and start your business today, do not wait. Best of luck!



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**Jolie Martinez**

Taught for 19 years (15 years at PSD)  
Opened One Spark Fitness Nov 2019  
Started online E-Commerce business in summer 2019  
Diagnosed with breast cancer in July 2019  
Community Health and Dental Board Member



### What are the top 3 things you would want to pass on as advice to a young entrepreneur?

1. **Never, ever, give up on you!** As you go through life, you will have many experiences...the good, the challenging and the ugly. However, your circumstances do not define you. Circumstances are temporary. What I have found is you must stay true to yourself and never lose sight of your goals. I was diagnosed with breast cancer the same day my sister and I signed the lease for One Spark Fitness. Could I have backed out? Sure! But what would that accomplish? My goal was to own and operate a fitness studio with my sister and to help others see the value in movement.

I was not going to allow a temporary circumstance to stop me from pursuing my dream. In fact, I used it to further fuel my passion to help others pursue a healthier lifestyle, not only through fitness classes, but by partnering with an online clean living company specializing in top rated products for the body and home. Moral of the story, don't give up on you and take obstacles presented as opportunities to flourish. Through surgeries, chemotherapy, and a global pandemic, my two businesses grew. Keep going.



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## Black History Month (cont.)

2. **Do it scared.** You have to remember starting anything new is scary. Whether it's a new school, a new job, or moving to a new city, it's scary! However, don't let that fear paralyze you to do nothing. Everyone hears the voice of doubt, "What if I fail?" It's not that everyone doesn't hear it, but YOU choose how to respond to it. My answer is, "What if I succeed?" When someone has regrets in life, it's not because of their failures in life, but usually what they didn't act on or pursue. I wish I would've, could've, should've. I don't ever want to miss out on what could be an amazing opportunity because I was too scared to try. I have never heard any entrepreneur say building their business was easy. It takes time, consistency, dedication, thick skin, tenacity, belief and a ton of hard work. However, if you never pursue it, you will live your life of regretting it. Nothing changes if nothing changes. Do it scared.
3. **You can only control what you can control.** Shipments will be delayed. People will say no. You will lose customers. Team members will quit. Naysayers will talk. Stay the course. You may need to, change your mindset, read a book, seek advice, take a class, work long hours or pivot in your business. This is normal. Do not allow yourself to be consumed by factors outside of your control. You can only control what you can control. If you can't do anything to change it, don't stress about it. Find a solution or let it go.

Jolie Martinez



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## Black History Month

**Sadira Hueber**

Certified School Nurse at Barth Elementary  
Co-Owner of Juice Babes  
Pottstown Alumni



### What are the top 3 things you would want to pass on as advice to a young entrepreneur?

1. No business idea is too small, make a plan, set goals and execute accordingly.
2. Always stay focused on what you believe in. You can achieve greatness when you believe in yourself and believe in your vision. If you do not believe in yourself, no one will.
3. Don't be afraid to take risks. There is no reward in life without risks.

As a graduate of the PHS Class of 2008, I always knew I wanted to pursue a career in healthcare. After becoming a registered nurse more than a decade ago, I knew I wanted to achieve more. As a healthy lifestyle advocate, my goal is to provide Pottstown and the surrounding communities with resources to support a healthier lifestyle. As a result of my goal, Juice Babes was created. Juice Babes is an all-natural juicing business that provides freshly pressed juices, cleanses, and wellness shots.



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### Black History Month

**Jaime & Veronica Parris**

Owners of Sunshine Cleaning Services  
**Jamie**- 3rd Grade Teacher at Pottstown School District & Doctoral Candidate in Educational Leadership  
**Veronica**- Frederick Douglass Fellow at West Chester University (WCU) & Doctoral Candidate in Clinical Psychology at WCU



#### What are the top 3 things you would want to pass on as advice to a young entrepreneur?

- 1. It Starts with You: Be a Leader Not a Boss.** As a business owner, understand that you are the end all be all. Everyone is looking for you to have answers. Do not expect others, such as employees, to work harder than you. You set the tone for your business. If you show your employees that it is alright not to give 100% on the job then expect them not to give 100%. Always remember that no one likes a boss but everyone needs a leader in their life. A boss manages their employees, while a leader empowers their employees, and encourages them to be innovative and to think independently. As you inspire others, you will receive 100% in return from the people you engage with.



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### Black History Month (cont.)

**2. Be Kind.** It sounds simple but it is extremely easy to not demonstrate kindness in the world we live, especially in the corporate realm. Remember that people are watching and they remember the interactions they have with you. **FIRST IMPRESSIONS MATTER!** Positive first impressions can lead to social cohesion. On the other hand, negative first impressions typically lead to biases and social prejudice. Treat every relationship, partnership, and friendship like they could take you to the next level, and never end those relationships, partnerships, and friendships on bad terms; thus, you never know when you will need to go back to them.

**3. Every Disappointment is a Blessing.** You will hear "NO" countless times while you are trying to pursue your goals as a business owner. EVERY "no" is a blessing in some way. Hearing no should only be fuel to the fire to keep pursuing that goal until you receive a "yes." Being rejected can feel so devastating at times. Sometimes that rejection might be protecting you from making a deal with an unkind customer or might be lending you more time to develop a stronger plan for your business. In conclusion, a rejection is not a denial, it is only a delay. For every door that closes, there is another door waiting for you to walk through.

Jaime & Veronica Parris



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### Black History Month

**Taj Clayton**

Partner, Kirkland & Ellis LLP  
Board Member, Signify Health, Inc.



#### What is something you wish someone had told you during your career journey?

- You control your own professional destiny. Never become complacent and allow other people or circumstances to dictate the pace or trajectory of your career development. Be perpetually proactive in forcing your way up the career ladder against all odds and opposition. Be proactive in seeing opportunities that others do not see. Be fearless in assuming leadership roles when others are afraid.
- Outwork everyone. Hard work eats raw talent for breakfast.
- Smile often. Make sure that others around you feel good about themselves, the team, and your shared mission.
- Self-doubt is a liar. Never believe it.
- Have fun. Life is too short to toil away without having a lot of fun.
- Never compromise your integrity, principles, or values. Ever.
- Dream bigger. There are no limits. You are capable of more than you realize. Go for it all. Never settle for less.



Black Professionals 

### Black History Month

**Dania Carter**

Founder/CEO Heart of Courage



#### What is something you wish someone had told you during your career journey?

- Failure is just another opportunity to do it better. If you fail, don't stay down on yourself. Figure out what you did wrong and how you can do it better next time. Don't ever let "failure" stop you from achieving your greatness.
- Don't put off your dreams. If you really feel in your heart that you want to do something, start planning TODAY. Then each day do something to bring you closer to your dream.
- Trust your gut. Block out all negative energy. Focus on your vision.
- It's ok to ask for help. You don't have to be an expert in everything. Utilize your resources.
- If you are going into the nonprofit world, you must have tough skin. Rejection will come in many forms, but you can not give up. Do not look for a "Thank You" - that is not why you went into serving the community. Just be proud of the work you are doing and know you are making an impact!!
- God has given us all a purpose in life. When you find your purpose, don't let anything stop you. The road won't always be easy, but the end result is the most gratifying feeling.



Black Professionals 

# BOYS' BASKETBALL

## PHS Boys Basketball Earns Tournament Victory

The Trojan Boys Basketball team took part in the Great Valley High School Holiday Tournament. They came up a little short in the opening round game with host Great Valley. **Gage Sibilly** scored a team high 20 points for the Trojans. They returned the next day and showed they are Trojan Tough in a 62-39 victory over Renaissance Academy, to claim 3rd place. Gage Sibilly with 20 points and **Elijah Moore-Palmore** with 11 points lead the scoring for the Trojans.



**NAMED TO THE  
PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE  
ALL FRONTIER DIVISION FIRST TEAM:**

➤ Gage Sibilly

**NAMED TO THE  
PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE  
ALL FRONTIER DIVISION SECOND TEAM:**

➤ Sadeeq Jackson

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

- Sadeeq Jackson
- Gage Sibilly



## Senior Night Boys' Basketball Photos:



Amar Graves



Gage Sibilly



Braylon Tinson



Jabril Washington



**Senior Night Winter Cheerleading Photos:**



Aleen Alexander



Natalia Brown



Molly Delphin



Keyora Frazier





**Senior Night Winter Cheerleading Photos:**



Anaya Jones



Mackenzie Moser



Ny'Ajah Osbourne-Warren

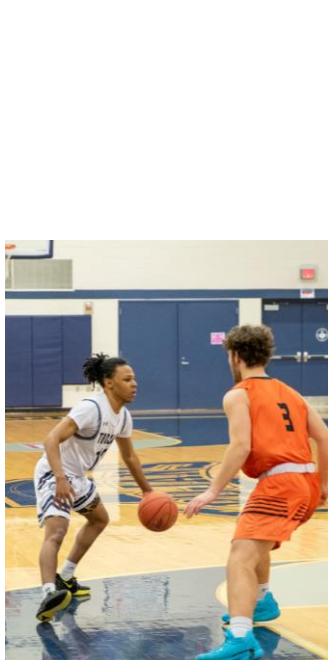


Jayniana Williams





## Senior Night Boys' Basketball and Winter Cheerleading Photos:





## GIRLS' BASKETBALL

The Pottstown High School Girls Basketball delivered some early holiday cheer on December 20th, when they defeated Interboro 39-35 for their first non-league victory in four years. Trinell Watson's 20 points and eight rebound effort helped propel the Trojans to victory. Tanya Jarrett gave a great effort at both ends of the court with 10 points, 8 rebounds and 3 blocked shots. Ashley Weller and Mikyla Brandon were strong on defense each with 8 rebounds apiece. Brynn McClune came off the bench in the fourth quarter with 4 points and 3 key rebounds.

### Watson Stays On Mission

Pottstown High School Girls' Basketball player **Trinell Watson** made it clear four years ago that she was on a mission. Her hard work has paid off. Thanks to Mercury, sports writer Owen McCue, you can read about her journey.





**1,000 Points – Trinell Watson - 2022**



Directory of Co-Curricular Activities Justin Baker and Trinell Watson

**Previous Trojan 1,000 Point Scorers**



(left to right) Standing- Coach Chris Jackson, Cheryl Fine, Kristy Garner, Coach Joe Masleh, Monica Lacey, Crystal Gibbs, Peachie Nixon, Coach John Cherneskie  
Front row- (kneeling) Jessica Scoop Faust, Trinell Watson, Coach Madison Morton







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ALL FRONTIER DIVISION FIRST TEAM:**

➤ Trinell Watson

**NAMED TO THE  
PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE  
ALL FRONTIER DIVISION SECOND TEAM:**

➤ Tamyra Jarrett

**Named to The Mercury All Area First Team:**

➤ Trinell Watson

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

➤ Tamyra Jarrett





## Senior Night Girls' Basketball Photos:



Calista Daye



Jolaila Lamarre



Trinell Watson





# WRESTLING

## Trojan Wrestlers Open Season

The Trojan wrestling team opened the season by hosting the first ever Trojan Invitational Tournament. Over 300 wrestlers and hundreds of fans enjoyed two days of competition.

- Devon Green fought his way to a 3rd place finish in the 172 pound class going 4-1 for the weekend.
- Jonah Grice (126) and Malachi Jones (132) both went 3-3 and earned 6th place.
- In the girls' division both Mia Bumbarger and Xlyah Robinson went 3-0 to win the championship. Mia had 3 pins each in under a minute.

The entire team gained lots of on mat experience and are looking forward to the upcoming dual meets and tournaments. Big shout out to Mr. Justin Baker, Director of Co-Curricular Activities; Nick Wade, Head Coach; Kori Wilson, Athletic Trainer; and Mr. Dave Woodley, Leader of The Trojan Nation, for all their work behind the scenes to make this event a tremendous success.



### Trojan Girls Earn Honors

Trojan Proud of Pottstown High School girl wrestlers Xiyah Robinson and Mia Bumbarger. They had a big day at the Governor Mifflin All Girl Wrestling Tournament. Over 125 female warriors did battle in another history-making event that is helping to grow the sport of girls' wrestling.

Xiyah looked tough on top in her 8-4 win. In the championship match she gave the returning state champ a good battle before losing by fall.

Mia had a big day and went 3-0 to earn first place with a decision, pin and medical forfeit.

Our girls got a lot of experience in an atmosphere that was positive for building the sport of girls' wrestling.



### Wrestling Team Has Strong Tournament Showing

Congratulations to Pottstown High School Trojan wrestling team on their strong showing at the Marple Newtown Phil Carbonetta Memorial Tournament. Eight of the 12 Trojans entered in the tournament placed in the top six. The Trojans were 5th overall in the team standings.

- Devon Green led the team with a second place finish at 170 pounds.
- Jesty Snyder took third place at heavyweight with three straight pins after an opening round loss.
- Nahzier Booker made his debut as a Trojan wrestler with a third place finish at 189 on his way to the medal stand he had three pins one in 53 seconds and another in 29.
- Malachi Jones placed third at 132 with a takedown in the last second of overtime for the victory.
- Mia Bumbarger placed sixth. On her way to placing she had a 50 second pin.
- Colton Warncke, Jayden Gilmore both started their varsity season with fifth place finishes in the tournament.
- Phoenix Rhoads and Tyler Harper made their first appearance in a varsity tournament with Phoenix placing sixth.





## Trojan Wrestler Earns OW Award

Congratulations to Pottstown High School freshman wrestler Kareem Leshar. He was selected as the **Outstanding Pottstown Wrestler** at the annual Pottstown vs. O.J. Roberts Wrestlers Pride meet. Kareem scored a 6-5 victory in his 126 pound match. Hard Work Pays Off.



## 2022 Senior Wrestlers





## Wrestling Senior Night Photos:





## Wrestling Senior Night Photos:



Tyler Harper



Gabe Roseo



Jestyn Snyder

## Trojan Wrestler Making History

Pottstown High School senior Mia Bumbarger was a part of a history making event. Competing in the 148 pound weight class she was crowned champion at the inaugural all girls MyHouse Eastern Regional Wrestling Tournament.



In the finals she prevailed over two-time state medalist Hannah Spielman of Strath Haven 5-3 to earn the first place championship and in doing so became the first ever Pottstown girl wrestler to earn a regional championship.

In earlier rounds she majored Wilkes-Barre Natalie Olarte 9-0 and scored a first period pin over Easton's Roxy Castill in the semifinals.

She qualifies for the MyHouse PA state girls' championship to be held later this month.

The introduction of regional tournaments is a product of the growth of girls wrestling in Pennsylvania. The state has more than 30 official girls' teams and is moving to become a sanctioned sport by the state's high school governing body. Mia is proof that hard work pays off. Please help share the news of another reason to say Proud to be from Pottstown.





**NAMED TO THE PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE FRONTIER DIVISION**

**FIRST TEAM:**

- **Tyrese Washington**



**NAMED TO THE PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE FRONTIER DIVISION**

**SECOND TEAM:**

- **Devon Green**



**NAMED TO THE PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE FRONTIER DIVISION**

**SECOND TEAM:**

- **Jestyn Snyder**



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

- Mia Bumbarger
- Xliyah Robinson
- Devon Green
- Malachi Jones



## Trojans Bring Home State Wrestling Honors

Congratulations to Pottstown High School wrestlers **Xiyah Robinson** and **Mia Bumbarger** on placing at the MYHOUSE Girls State Wrestling Tournament. Competing against 300 girls from 115 high schools on 6 mats.

- **Xiyah**, a junior, went 3-0 on the day in the 235 pound class with two pins and a decision to become Pottstown's first, on the mat, girls' state champ. In the finals she scored a pin in 50 seconds.
- **Mia** capped her senior year off with a fourth place finish in the 148 pound weight class. Wrestling five matches she came up with three victories including two decisions and a pin.
- Both girls are past state medal winners and are proof of the Trojan philosophy, that when you make every second count hard work pays off. Thanks for giving us another reason to say Proud to be from Pottstown.





## Track Team Takes It Indoors

It may be too cold to run track outdoors, but where there's a will there's a way. PHS Trojan Winter Track Team coached by middle school art teacher Martin Valle competed in the "Polar Bear" indoor track events.

The first was held at Kutztown University last week. Over 700 student athletes from around the area took part in the event.

- With a time of 54 seconds in the 400 meters Ethan Masewicz placed second for the Trojans.
- Henry Fetterman placed second in his 400 meter heat in 1:04.
- Daniel William competed in the 800 meters and mile.

On the girls' side, our Trojans showed their competitive spirit. The Trojans will test themselves again when they travel to West Chester Henderson for the next meet.



# FOOTBALL

Congratulations to members of the 2021 Trojan football team who were named to the Eastern PA Football and PA Football News All-Academic Team. Living up to our district mission, "Prepare each student, by name, for success at every level." Trojan Proud their hard work has paid off and given us more reason to say Proud to be from Pottstown.

Player Name	Position	Team	Class Year	Level
Chris Chhern	OL/LB	Pottstown	2023	Gold
Gabe Hicks	TE/LB	Pottstown	2023	Gold
Joel Mundo	WR/DB	Pottstown	2023	Gold
Fredy Rodriguez	K/P	Pottstown	2023	Gold
Jestyn Snyder	OL/DL	Pottstown	2022	Gold
Nahzier Booker	RB/LB	Pottstown	2024	Silver
Ezriel Felder	OL/DL	Pottstown	2025	Silver
Chris Thomas	RB/DB	Pottstown	2025	Silver
John Cranford	OL/DL	Pottstown	2022	Bronze
Marcus Fowlkes	WR/LB	Pottstown	2024	Bronze
Jayden Gilmore	QB/DB	Pottstown	2025	Bronze
Devon Green	OL/LB	Pottstown	2023	Bronze
Dylan Hampton	OL/DL	Pottstown	2023	Bronze
Jevohn Jones	WR/DB	Pottstown	2023	Bronze
Tyrese Washington	DB/OLB	Pottstown	2024	Bronze





**PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE ALL ACADEMIC TEAM**

- Cheerleading - Jayniana Williams
- Boys' Basketball - Caleb Yocom
- Girls' Basketball - Trinell Watson
- Wrestling - Tyler Harper

**PIONEER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE WINTER  
CITIZEN ATHLETE AWARD**

- Mia Bumbarger

## **STAFF**

### **Board member recognized as a leader and advocate**

Congratulations to Pottstown School Board member [Laura Johnson](#). She was honored by the Pennsylvania School Board Association with induction into the Allwein Society, which recognizes directors who are outstanding leaders and advocates for public schools and students. Her tireless statewide advocacy efforts on behalf of children has drawn attention to the harm that inequitable funding has caused to children and the burden it has placed on our communities. Please help share the news of another reason to say Proud to be from Pottstown.



### **Guest column: Funding mental health services critical to our students**

By: Sue Lawrence

Imagine: You arrive at work after a stressful night. Family members were arguing, and their voices and escalating tension made it impossible to sleep. When you tried to prepare some breakfast, you discovered there was little in the pantry or fridge to eat. You grabbed the last stale cookie from the bag on your way out the door, hurrying into the cold morning air cloaked in your only jacket, a sweatshirt with several holes. Once at work, you find yourself thinking about what awaits you at home tonight. You are worried, scared, hungry, and cold. What type of quality work do you think you will produce today?

This unfortunate scenario may seem exaggerated, but it is the reality for many of our children each and every day. Is it any wonder that they cannot concentrate or learn? Is it a surprise that many of these students are hypervigilant, remaining on edge throughout the school day when they have no idea what to expect once they get home? Why would kids be concerned about long division or vocabulary words when they have more serious things to worry about?

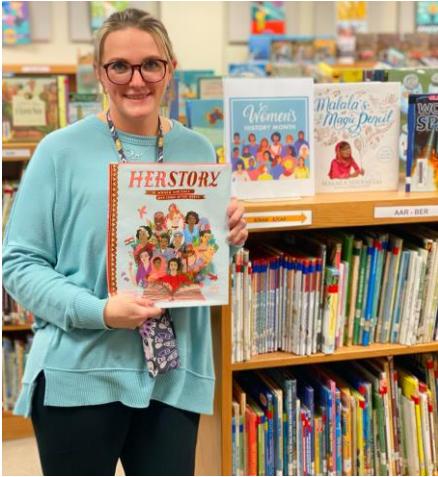
From violence to poverty to Covid, our students experience a multitude of stressors. And while older generations had their own problems, today's youth are more likely to be dealing with struggles without solid social support. Families are broken and scattered, and although social media and technology have the potential to offer connections, they often serve more as a source of stress and overstimulation. Our kids are more burdened than ever before, and too frequently, the only safety net they have is in their schools. Our students need mental health support, counseling, and social services to prepare them for the classroom.

These critical supports require funding. Unfortunately, Pennsylvania has one of the most inequitable education funding systems in the nation, a problem so significant it is currently being tried in the Commonwealth Court. It is no coincidence that districts that suffer most from a scarcity of funding also have the greatest needs for mental health services.

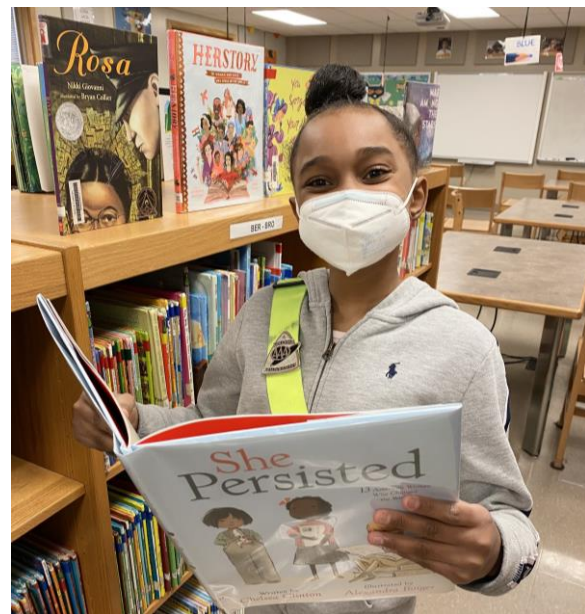
*Sue Lawrence, a member of the Pottstown School Board, is a professor of psychology at Ursinus College, Chestnut Hill College, and Montgomery County Community College.*



## Read All About It: Women In History



Cory Derer, the Library Assistant at Barth and Franklin Elementary schools is helping young students learn about women in history. To help celebrate Women in History Month, she made a display of books and encouraged students, to read about how girls have molded our society. She said, "The students have really enjoyed learning about Amelia Earhart, Malala Yousafzai, Mae Jemison, Katherine Johnson, RBG, and Frida Kahlo, just to name a few. I hope our students gain insight into how these women have overcome unique challenges to secure careers in art, science, math, and law! As a Girl Scout leader for over 15 years, I take pride in empowering girls to try new things, and become leaders themselves."



## [Mrs. Johnson makes appearance on PSBA Youtube](#)

Congratulations to our own school board member, Mrs. Laura Johnson, who was recognized by PSBA at our last school board meeting. Her tireless efforts are helping to make a difference in the lives of students, staff, and citizens across the state. Thanks for giving us another reason to say Proud to be from Pottstown.



## **MUSIC**

Holiday Band Concert, Thursday December 9th at 7pm in the high school auditorium – Check out the link at the bottom of Mr. Evan Brandt's [Digital Notebook Blog](#) for the full card of the evening's songs.



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

**Barth Elementary School - Grade 3**

Sa'Bri	Billops-Richardson
Nusaibah	Bint-Jamal
Charlie	Calano
Kylaa	Catanese
Franklin	Chabla Calle
Makayla	Charles
Santiago	Diaz
Nevaeh	DiBiaggio
Leilani	Gonzalez Tello
Jayde	Gray
Jesse	Hine
Ilyas	Ingram
Aiden	Leach Witherspoon
William	Levengood
William	Lowe
JC Carson	Magturo
Troy	McCalvin
Scarlett	McElroy
Aria	Miller
Aamori	Mobley
Walani	Morton
Kalani	Poe
Jackson	Raudenbush
Semaj	Rush
Aryelle	Singleton-May
Jeffrey	Stalker
Jayden	Stokes
Armani	Watkins
Ryan	Zukoski

**Barth Elementary School - Grade 4**

Milan	Anderson
Janellis	Caban-Mercado
Cielo	Del Angel
Brianna	Di Chiara
Jessica	Estrada
Justice	Ford
Kaderine	Franco-Donis
Zamora	Gibbs
Julian	Granozio
Joseph	Grauber
Payton	Hall
Jakhi	Harris
Shylaj	Hine
Yandel	Irizarry
Zy'Aire	Johnson-Brinkley
Chloe	Kinzel
Lily	Kinzel
Ayva	Kletzing
Isaiah	McGoldrick-Cheeseboro
Benjamin	Moser
Na'ilah	Phillips
Anthony	Ritschard
Kiara	Sanchez
Jacqueline	Santiago
Justyce	White
Essence	Wright
Tysheed	Wright

**Franklin Elementary School - Grade 3**

Kaylee	Barton
Myla	Bayne
Cassidy	Bennett
Blake	Brown
Karter	Burns
Matthew	Cameron
Angel	Chiroy Disla
Giovanni	Conigliaro
Jaydah-Marie	Davis
Milan	Everette
Joel	Geiger
Sienna	Gonzalez
Angel	Gorman-Nealy
Mila	Harkin
Eric	Harvey
Charleigh	Katch
Leonardo	Krasley
George	Lilly
Vada	Lutz-Antonelli
Maxwell	Mills
Vincent	Norcia
Adrian	Ogando
Brandon	Ricketts
Melinda	Rosado-Lutz
Cecelia	Sloss
Jeremiah	Sprual
Sa'ige	Trott-Wright
Tiyanna	Walton
Manuel	Zepeda

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

**Franklin Elementary School - Grade 4**

Edward	Adamski
Emma	Campbell
Luke	Carvalho
Noah	Conbeer
Jordan	Diehl
Zeriah	Fairel
Jacqueline	Foster
Patrick	Galamba
Owen	Gofus
Sebastian	Haberle
Devin	Harkin
Callie	Harper
Seth	Harrison
Hannah	Jaycox
Nayeli	Martinez-Penate
Kendall	Miller
Kenzie	Pallay-Williams
Chase	Pittman-Bookard
Nicholas	Romano
Analise	Snowden
Elayna	Soos
Oliver	Trout
Elizabeth	Wasylkowski
Ohave	Wolloh

**Lincoln Elementary School - Grade 3**

Joory	Abbas
Stella	Banta
Simon'e	Bookard-Thomas
Lorelei	Cruz-Timinski
Brayden	DeBoer
Ian	Dunn
Elena	Eidell
Oliver	Hudy
Cillian	Jones
Joshua	Killian
Kameron	Lewis-Lesher
Eric	Marquez Estrada
Amy	Martinez-Hernandez
Chase	Mason

**Lincoln Elementary School - Grade 3**

**Continued**

DeShaun	McKeever
Alaysia	Melendez
Josiah	Nixon-Freeman
Bella	Pollock
Legend	Solomon
Ronan	Velasquez
Sariyah	Williams
Nora	Zuniga

**Lincoln Elementary School - Grade 4**

Brayden	Allen
Noah	Applegate
Andrew	Aviles
Lily	Beach
Jacob	Blackwell
Amiliya	Conrad
Reagan	Culbreath
Hailey	Damoth
Mason	Egolf
Rocco	Gagnon
Mario	Gonzalez-Guardado
Ava	Gulbish
Breann	Henning
Brayden	Hoffmaster
Messiah	Holder
Ilynn	Johnson
Mariah	Laboy
Aria	Lacey
Anthony	Law
Joshua	Marquez-Estrada
Liam	Moser
Colby	Moyer
Chandler	Peaco
Feby	Perez Domingo
Karisa	Rivera
Alexis	Seidle
Elizabeth	Staples
Aiden	Torres-Sirmans
Chase	Vogt

**Lincoln Elementary School - Grade 4**

**Continued**

Aaniyah	Williams
Layla	Williams
Matthew	Yost

**Rupert Elementary School - Grade 3**

Adeiyeye	Aina
Mila	Boyce
Marcos Antonio	Bretas Marques
Derrick	Callahan
Sebastian	Fegeley
Victoria	Forman
Naraku	Hayes
Leroy	Majors
Jace	McClincy
Charlee	Nickle
Francis	Powell
Michael	Quill
Kayvion	Reinert-Cotton
Aidan	Rhoads
Daniel	Rodriguez
Isaac	Shifflette
Ellie	Stauffer
Matthew	Stingone
Hudab	Tariq
Ahmir	Terry-Harvey
Isabella	Torres
Thaymi	Vega Rosado
Bailey	Wentzel
Amira	Williams
Layla	Williams



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

**Rupert Elementary School - Grade 4**

Aidan	Branagh
Tyair	Brown
Sage	Carter
Sophia	Carter
Aaliyah	Dubost
Keirsten	English
Cheyenne	Fisher
Liam	Hawk
Breanna	Hillegas
Sevoughn'	Jones
Shaniyah	Knapke
Eva	Lamperez
Cynia	Lucky
Kay'dense	Nagir
Julianna	Pickens
Jannah	Robinson
Jairus	Sallad
Caelan	Singer
Haley	Soto
Hayden	Soto
Kainat	Tariq
Kaidon	Terpoilli
Ronan	White
Ezrah	Wilkerson

**PMS - Grade 5 Distinguished Honors**

Peyton	Bennetch-Smalls
Kimberly	Chhern
Paul	Donohie
John	Ellwanger
Landon	Ford
Murielle	Guerrier
Jaelyn	Hoefel
Clara	Johnson
Evan	Krestel
Noah	Moser
Aiden	Ondik
Elizabeth	Reazor
Thomas	Rose
Edward	Sloss
Ja'Nahla	Wilson

**PMS - Grade 6 Distinguished Honors**

Maliah	Agudio
Shahed	Aljashoubi
Jacob	DuVal
Maya	Elgendy
Felicia	Fry
Starr	Gratz
Lillian	Green
Aislin	Kimbro
Ezra	King
Kamryn	King
Lola	Milner
Catherine	Pineda Penate
William	Rose
Krystal	Saylor
Lucy	Zuniga

**PMS - Grade 7 Distinguished Honors**

Dimitrus	Alston
Adel	Ammouri
Santiago	Castillo
Ashton	Felix
Cheyenne	Flamer
Josue	Funes
Dillin	Thong
Colin	White
Ayden	Yantz

**PMS - Grade 8 Distinguished Honors**

Ava	Alessi
Annasophia	Chhern
Michelle	Cocar Paredes
Isabella	Deluca
Miyana	Green
Jayanna	Hill
Nye	Powell
Adriana	Reyes-Jones
Triniti	Rhodes-Fisher
Ciara	Rios
Johan	Rivera
Garrett	Shope
Natalie	Shope
Ethan	Ung
Cianne	Wells

**PMS - Grade 5 Honors**

Julietta	Aguilera Macias
Rania	Ait Lqol
Erin	Alessi
Emma	Allen
James	Ashley
Joziyah	Astacio
Mariah	Byard
Nery	Castillo Chavez
Imani	Clemons
Frank	Davila
Kassidy	Drost
Grace	Eby
Lucien	Fair
Ace	Folly
John	Gantert
Miguel	Govea-Pimentel
Alexandra	Green
Michael	Hallinger
Logan	Heverly
Yaiden	Jackson
Qahira	Jones
Leah	Kay
Abdul-Aziz	Knuckles
Gabriella	Krasley
Tariss	Lacey
Oliver	Leonard
Isabella	LePore
Madison	Llewellyn
Mason	McCray
Cole	McLaughlin
Gianna	Miles
Anthony	Miller
Karla	Negrete Fonseca
Lexi	Oswald
Amy	Palma
Meredith	Pope
Joshua	Reifsneider
Annabelle	Riley
Adriana	Salazar-Lopez

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

**PMS - Grade 5 Honors Continued**

Simone	Thornton
Alana	Torres
Kayleb	Torres-Sirmans
Christopher	Velasquez Penate
Taliyah	Walton
Jayden	West
Christazja	White
Laila	White
Jaida	Wright
Nicole	Young

**PMS - Grade 6 Honors**

Savana	Bauman
Meleena	Bisram
Ariel	Cortes
Kylie	Covert
Selena	Felipe Mendez
London	Glenn
Dah'mir	Goings
Jacob	Green
Maria	Guardado-Sanchez
Cayden	Hayes
Matthew	Hipple
Kemyr	Isaac
Iyanna	Johnson
Leyna	Johnson
Shambria	Johnson
Jaylen	Lamarre
Joell	Lamarre
Ava	Laws
Sydni	Long
Annalise	Lutz
Carlos	Marin-Sanchez
Audra	Masewicz
Brielle	Mathias
Ayden	Olvera
Casey	Perry
Makaila	Plummer
Deston	Purnell
Jayden	Robinson

**PMS - Grade 6 Honors Continued**

Royer	Rodriguez
Zacarias	Rodriguez
Avaliyah	Scurry
Scarlett	Shivak
Skylar	Shivak
Silas	Singer
Talia	Stover
Giovan	Thomas
Darriss	Tinson
Brooke	Valerio
Israel	Vieira
Zachary	Waters
Za'Mirah	Whitley
Izzabella	Williams
Alanna	Yancy
Owen	Yocom
Dennis	Yost

**PMS - Grade 7 Honors**

Jayden	Bell
Sebastian	Bray
Alyssa	Broughton
Essence	Brown
Brianna	Bui
Ariyana	Carr
Edgar	Castillo
Christopher	Cilio
Zealean	Cortes
Layla	Davis
Milo	Escartin
Ayla	Folly
Trevor	Ford
Yerlianis	Garcia De La Cruz
Cayden	Gofus
Chastelyn	Gonzalez Galarza
Tara	Guyer
Trinity	Hall
Walter	Hoey
Kiara	Jackson
Addison	Lafferty

**PMS - Grade 7 Honors Continued**

Brooke	Laise
Riley	Maguire
Alexander	Marin Sanchez
Olivia	McCauley
Jude	Mull
Kelsey	O'Connor
Kiriah	Parker
Oliver	Pineda-Penate
Kayla	Puth
Angelina	Quiles
Andrea	Reyes Juarez
McKenzee	Richey
Christopher	Rose
Rooney	Salazar Villanueva
Alejandro	Suber
Ezra	Tribble
Ivan	Ubaldo
Kayro-Adrian	Vazquez-Mendez
Sione	Worrell-Tilghman

**PMS - Grade 8 Honors**

Christiana	Allen
Leah	Blackwell
Alivia	Boyer
Mairelys	Concepcion
Austin	Derstine
Julia	Draucker
Iyonna	Elliott
Lily	Felix
Saniyah	Fox
Hailey	Freese
Arianna	Gatlin
Gaige	Harsh
Elizabeth	LaRocca
Ana	Maldonado-Lucas
Amelia	Maldonado-Rivas
Megan	McGinn
Serenity	Meade-Brown
Shazia	Mendez
Makayla	Miller



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

**PMS – Grade 8 Honors Continued**

Justina	Nhim
William	Pan
Nevaeh	Peaco
Colin	Plank
Zaila	Redden
Skylar	Romano
Ana	Salazar Lopez
Taina	Santiago
Brighton	Scott
Allyana	Sykes
Emely	Villegas
Ariana	Wilson

**PHS - Grade 9 Distinguished Honors**

Diego	Aguilera
Patrick	Auman
Ambriana	Baryeh
Cheynin	Boyer
Daniela	Castillo
Jasmine	Champlin
Angel	Chavous
Olivia	Chin
Ethan	Collins
Aniyah	Crump
Lunna	Davila
Abigail	Donohie
Evan	Draucker
Naden	Elgendy
Ezriel	Felder
Lili	Freese
Alexander	Garber
Yanelis	Garcia De La Cruz
Cindy	Garcia Villegas
Jacob	Givens
Crystal	Gonzalez Guardado
Aubree	Harsh
Mahogany	Hill
Jessalynn	Hine
Alexander	Jimenez Rosales
Aiden	Kancianic

**PHS - Grade 9 Distinguished Honors Continued**

Terelle	Lowery
Taylor	Maguire
Trevor	Marley
Gavin	Marmer
Pedro	Martinez Guardado
Nana Kobina	Miller
Reece	Murphy
Kai	O'Brien
Hayley	Ortega
Janette	Penate
Tahj	Phillips
Miranda	Pineda
Daniel	Pittman
Jahiem	Pratt
Joel	Rubincam
Layonna	Screatching
Julia	Smith
Christopher	Thomas
Aniyah	Wells
Aimee	White
Ja-Nyai	White
Olivia	Woodley

**PHS - Grade 10 Distinguished Honors**

Elizabeth	Adedeji
Adam	Alaoui
Janaiya	Baker
Layla	Bearden
Peyton	Benfield
Tyler	Broughton
Michael	Calano
Megan	Cannell
Emily	Castillo
Nayianna	Clyde
Nicholas	Cohen Arena
Leilandi	Davis
Danica	Donhauser
Brittany	Endy
Regina	Fleming

**PHS – Grade 10 Distinguished Honors Continued**

Makenna	Franey
Christopher	Fuentes
Jade	Garber
Ismaeel	Garfield
Samuel	Guardado Sanchez
Mehki	Jenkins Glover
Steven	Jimenez Gomez
Julia	Kulp
Baden	Landy
Keiara	Lesley
Kaylee	Loughlin
Tara	Morgan
Ashley	Ormston
Najae	Perez
Daimin	Renninger
Maria Guadalupe	Reyes Juarez
Savannah	Richards
LaRayna	Rosado
Kaley	Salazar Lopez
Tyler	Santiago
Devon	Smith
Makayla	Smith
Austin	Sundstrom
Alona	Tinson
Mylia	Tinson
Christian	Toland
Pieter	Ung
Chloe	Weiss
Keshawn	Young

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

**PHS - Grade 11 Distinguished Honors**

Omar	Alaoui
Leilani	Alberto
Kaela	Auman
Bailey	Bayne
Brandon	Bryant
Justin	Castillo
Christopher	Chhern
John	Cipollini
Kyle	Corbin
Margaret	DiPietro
Abigail	Eagle
Abdel	Elgendy
Mark	Ellison
Henry	Fetterman
Spencer	Gatheca
Derek	Gephart
Ariana	Gilmore
Keishla	Gonzalez-Galarza
Adam	Green
Faith	Hammer
Charles	Hartman
Olivia	Hickey
Mary-Joan	Hogan
William	Levey
Krissa	Linderman
David	Mackewicz III
Jocelyn	Malauulu
Elise	Marley
Ethan	Masewicz
Jordan	Mest
Kiera	Moyer
Derick	Nunez Menjivar
Rose	Oberholtzer
Alice	Pan
Benjamin	Pargeon
Wilfred	Perez
Taylor	Powell
Fredy	Rodriguez
Danielle	Rubincam

**PHS – Grade 11 Distinguished Honors**

**Continued**

Anas	Selmi
Avery	Shope
Leah	Smith
Jordan	Stevenson
London	Trout
Leigha	Walton
Abdur-Rahman	Watson
Ceaira	Worrell-Tilghman
Caleb	Yocom

**PHS - Grade 12 Distinguished Honors**

Tajera	Bass
Noah	Bolman
Madeline	Bruton
Madison	Carberry
Ramya	Carpenter
Michelle	Castillo
Christian	Coale
Kennedy	Cole
Calista	Daye
Colin	Dellaquila
Anthony	DiPietro
Erynn	Dunning
Nada	Elgendy
Jacob	Fisher
Keyora	Frazier
Hailey	Gerrish
Lamoni	Green
Darren	Groff
Beatriz	Guardado
Tyler	Harper
Tyler	Hill
Gerle	Jimenez Gomez
Maria	Jimenez
JoLaila	Lamarre
Kaleigh	Martin
Ja'Zell	Meade
Zachary	Mitchell
Jacob	Moser

**PHS – Grade 12 Distinguished Honors**

**Continued**

Mackenzie	Moser
Allison	Ormston
Yasmin	Paez
Jessie	Palma-Huitzila
Mylika	Pernell
Anthony	Pinos-Castillo
Annabelle	Poston
Jesseny	Redrovan
Jessica	Rivera
Rafi	Sanchez
Thomas	Santiago
Jestyn	Snyder
Desmond	Suber
Ryan	Szczepanik
Ariana	Torres
Destiny	Torres
Lacie	Townsend
Daniel	Williams
Jayniana	Williams
Joshua	Wilson



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

**PHS - Grade 9 Honors**

Kaylee	Allan
Madison	Beard
Quadeara	Best
Ebony	Brown
Diego	Diaz
MaiJheda	Ellison
Alyssa	Gibbs
Amirah	Graves
Lance	Hansberry
Christian	Katch
Emanuel	Lagunes Cruz
Quinn	Logan
Gianni	Mahario
Jennifer	Maldonado
Silas	Maldonado
Raheemah	Manning
Fatima	Mohamed-Eck
Carillio	Oquendo
Shawn	Pallay Williams
Nuriddin	Rogers-Clyde
Demri	Ruyak
Amiyah	Smith
Aniah	Smith
Kyairah	Smith
Colson	Strohl
Dillina	Thong
Chase	Thornton
Jayla	White
Savion	Williams
Chase	Winston

**PHS - Grade 10 Honors**

Denajah	Bailey
Natalia	Banks
Dylan	Basile
Peyton	Bayne
Chase	Beasley
Madison	Beasley
Aleiyah	Berrios-Brooks
Nahzier	Booker
Jordan	Bowen
Angelina	Chhern
Rosario	Clemens
Anye	Crawford
Anjalie	Crosbie
Alexis	Demeter
Dalajah	Dowling
Marcus	Fowkes
Amira	Hall
Myles	Hancock
Alina	Harrington
Amber	Heater
Anthony	Kutsch
Sarish	Mendez Rivera
Grayce	Morton
Helen	Ortega
Kiersten	Pennypacker
Nevaeh	Pernell
Jayden	Pray
Katerine	Reina
Phoenix	Rhoads
Grace	Rivera
Carlos	Rodriguez Vazquez
Sophia	Russo
Sylyn	Savage
Duha	Selmi
Rodrigo	Solis
Brooke	Thomas
Tyrese	Washington
Ashley	Weller

**PHS - Grade 10 Honors Continued**

Diamond	Williams
Kris	Wise
Ethan	Yost
Saryah	Young
Jayla	Zipay

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

**PHS - Grade 11 Honors**

Karli	Adams
Dawud	Barnes
Lee	Beach
Alexis	Beckett
Eric	Berkheimer
Bryan	Bodnar
Zariah	Brown
Anaeja	Charles
Ethan	Chin
Brielle	Davis
D'Asiah	Davis
Nicole	Daye
Ganaelle	Felicien
Jamie	Freese
Melody	Jackson
Jevohn	Jones
Aaron	Laws
Krista	Leinbach
Angelle	Levan
Katlyn	Levengood
Khamya	Mayo
Isabelle	Moraes Marques
Joel	Mundo
Hunter	Patten
Jibrel	Pratt
Ian	Salisbury
Ethan	Smith
Jordan	Wabish
Serin	Warneke
Madisyn	Williams
Kenyada	Wise

**PHS - Grade 12 Honors**

Sierra	Coleman
Michael	Cruz
Darron	Daniels
Shamira	Gadson
Debra	Laulu
Elijah	Levan
Michael	Lilick
Rashaun	Mahario
Yassine	Mahmoudi
Mohamed	Mohamed
Patrick	OConnor
Cesai	Ramos
Gabriel	Roseo
Skylar	Smith
Dasia	Thornton-Bey
Coreena	Trumbauer Butts
Jonerah	Vinson
Trinell	Watson
Nerissa	Yost



## POTTSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 2022



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### Shrek Suits Up



Got to spend part of Sunday afternoon at dress rehearsal for the Pottstown All-School District musical production of Shrek. Lots of positive energy from students and adults both on stage and backstage with the dedicated group that makes sure everything is ready when the curtain goes up. Putting on a musical production is a great example of teamwork and proof that hard work pays off. Do not miss another in the long line of outstanding student productions. See link for dates and ticket sales.



**Shrek – The Musical Cast**

Shrek – <b>Devon Smith</b>	Donkey – <b>Jonathan Moser</b>	Princess Fiona – <b>Mackenzie Moser</b>	Lord Farquaad – <b>Christian Toland</b>
Dragon, Mama Bear – <b>Gabriella Horne</b>	Gingy, Sugar Plum Fairy, Teen Fiona – <b>Josephine Bechtel</b>	Pinocchio – <b>Tyler Broughton</b>	Young Fiona, Fairy Godmother – <b>Alyssa Broughton</b>
Papa Ogre – <b>Matt Moyer</b>	Mama Ogre – <b>Sally Foose</b>	Young Shrek, Puss-n-Boots, Dwarf – <b>Benjamin Moser</b>	Queen Lillian, Dancing Rat – <b>Mackenzie Hall</b>
King Harold, Bishop, Duloc Citizen – <b>Brandon Davis</b>	Papa Bear – <b>Thomas Rose</b>	Baby Bear – <b>Kenzie Pallay-Williams</b>	Big Bad Wolf – <b>Ethan Yost</b>
Peter Pan – <b>William Rose</b>	Wicked Witch – <b>Dasia Thornton-Bey</b>	Ugly Duckling, Knight, Villager – <b>Natalia Banks</b>	Mad Hatter – <b>Jayden Bell</b>
Pied Piper, Little Pig #1 – <b>Makayla Smith</b>	Little Pig #2 – <b>Tahj Phillips</b>	Little Pig #3 – <b>Ayden Olvera</b>	Blind Mouse, Dancing Rat, Knight, Villager – <b>Peyton Benfield</b>
Blind Mouse, Dancing Rat, Knight, Villager – <b>Makenna Franey</b>	Blind Mouse, Dancing Rat, Knight, Villager – <b>Sophia Russo</b>	Thelonius (Captain), Walter – <b>Jahiem Pratt</b>	Guard – <b>Naden Elgendy</b>
Guard, Knight – <b>Aiden Kancianic</b>	Knight, Duloc Citizen - <b>Emma Allen</b>	Knight, Duloc Citizen – <b>Maya Elgendy</b>	Knight, Duloc Citizen – <b>Wesam Elgendy</b>
Knight, Villager, Altar Boy – <b>Robert Raegler</b>	Knight, Duloc Citizen – <b>Christopher Rose</b>	Duloc Citizen – <b>Alexandra Green</b>	Duloc Citizen – <b>Eli Kancianic</b>
Duloc Citizen – <b>Baden Landy</b>	Dancing Rat – <b>Leilani Alberto</b>	Villager – <b>David Barns, Danielle Davis, Kelly Liebold, Raymond Rose, Elisa Rose</b>	





# HIGH SCHOOL

## PHS Holds Induction for Future Community Leaders

### POTTSTOWN DECA HOLDS THEIR ANNUAL INDUCTION CEREMONY

Pottstown High School recognized some of our community's future leaders during the annual DECA induction ceremony. DECA is a noteworthy career and technical student organization that is conducted through high schools and colleges. Under the supervision of marketing teachers Kevin Pascal and Victoria McShea, students who are members of DECA participated in the annual induction ceremony. 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.



This year's induction ceremony was held in person at the high school cafeteria. The chapter grew this year with 56 students becoming new members. During the induction students take the DECA oath and receive a membership pin. The ceremony, which was held in person for the first time in several years, students heard about the importance of using their time wisely and giving full effort to achieve their goals. The chapter leadership team took the oath of office and accepted their responsibilities to lead the chapter to success in upcoming competitions.

#### Inductees:

President	Mackenzie Moser
Vice President	Michelle Castillo
Director of Competition	Jayniana Williams
Director of Marketing & Communications	Alianna Samuel
Director of Membership	Emily Castillo



**New PHS DECA Members:**

Elizabeth Adedeji	Mackenzie Hall
Adam Alaoui	Gerle Jimenez-Gomez
Alexis Beckett	Brock Klopp
Peyton Benfield	Kaylee Loughlin
Cheynea Boyer	Fatima Mohammed-Eck
Tyler Broughton	Shawn Pallay-Williams
Daniela Castillo	Janette Penate
Emily Castillo	Miranda Pineda
Justin Castillo	Alianna Samuel
Alexis Demeter	Devon Smith
Sean Deppen	Julia Smith
Naden Elgendy	Austin Sundstrom
Xzavier Francis-Williams	Dasia Thornton-Bey
Makenna Franey	Savion Williams
Jamie Freese	Jadon Wiszumerski
Beatriz Guardado	Caleb Yocum





## **DECA Students Earn Trip To State Competition**

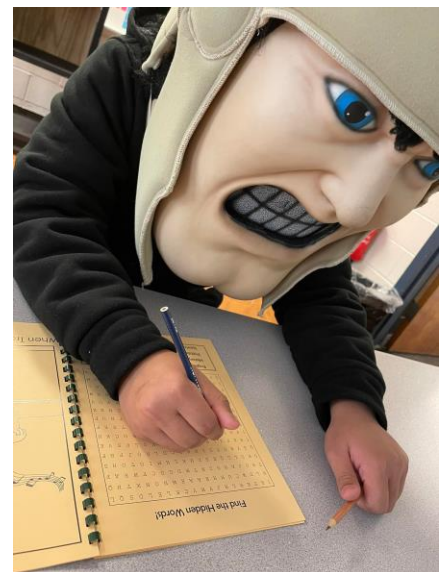
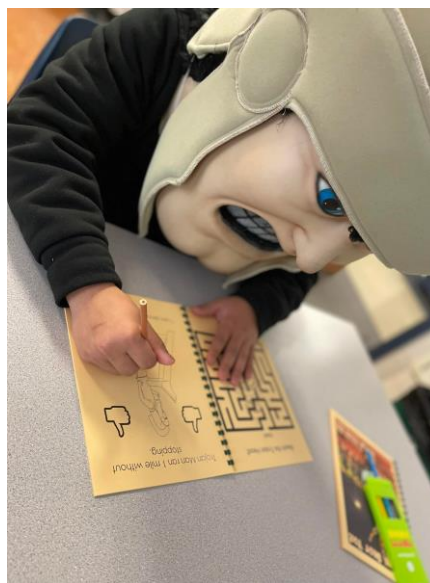
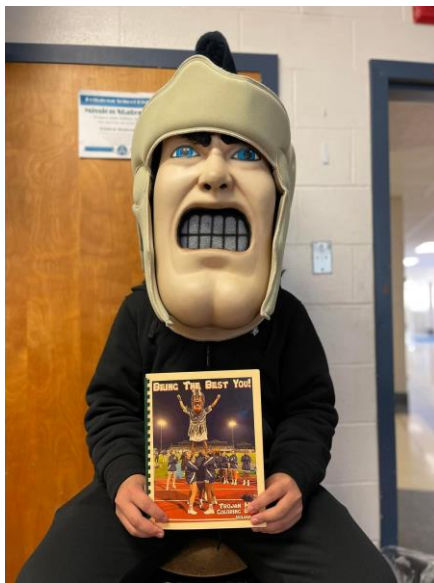
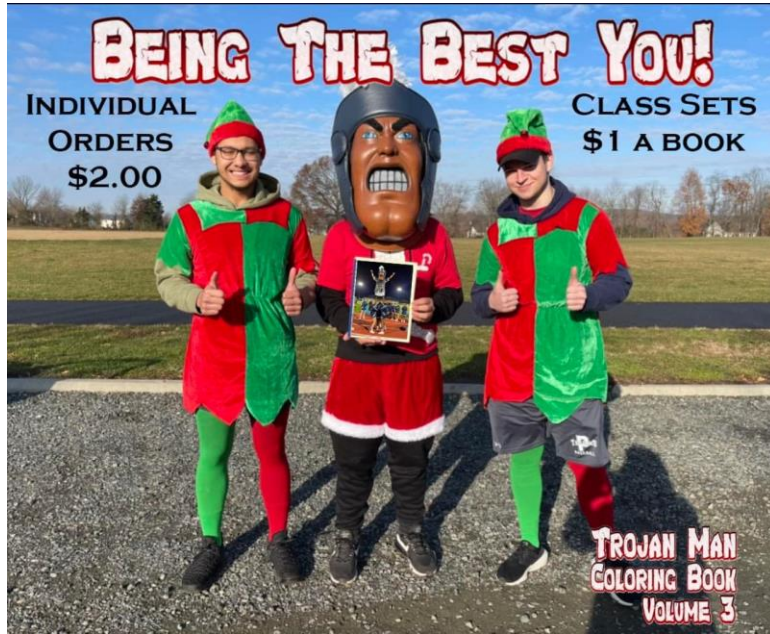
Eight members of the Pottstown High School DECA club have earned their way to the state competition held in Hershey. They punched their ticket by their top placement in the Annual District 8 Career Development Conference. DECA is a noteworthy Career and Technical Student Organization that is conducted through high schools and colleges. The purpose of DECA is to educate students about various aspects of business, while promoting leadership, hard work, and productivity. This year's district competition was hosted online and held in the Pottstown High School library. Of the 28 students that competed, 8 of them 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. Mackenzie Moser (Business Service Marketing) and Jayniana Williams (Hotel and Lodging Management) both earned first place and highest role play scores. In person or online DECA members adapted efficiently and proved hard work pays off. Club advisors, PHS marketing teachers Kevin Pascal and Victoria McShea said, "We are proud of all of our club members, their effort to succeed gives us more reason to say, proud to be from Pottstown."

<b>Category</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Awards</b>
Principles of Finance	Daniella Castillo	Fourth place
Principles of Finance	Cheynea Boyer	First place and highest test score
Principles of Hospitality and Tourism	Dasia Thornton-Bey	Fourth place
Principles of Marketing	Elizabeth Adedeji	Fourth Place
Business Service Marketing	Mackenzie Moser	First place and highest roleplay
Hotel and Lodging Management	Jayniana Williams	First place, highest roleplay, and highest test score
Marketing Management and Team Decision Making	Makenna Franey and Peyton Benfield	Third place



## Trojan Man "Being The Best You"

Trojan Man is always looking to be a role model for young and old alike. His latest example of "Being The Best You" is the theme of this year's edition of The Trojan Man Coloring Book which was unveiled when the Trojan Man 5k team participated in the Limerick Parks and Recreation Rudolph Run around Manderach Park. The Trojan Men decided to participate in this event, dressed as Santa Trojan Man (AKA John Cipolini) and the Trojan Elves (David Mackewicz and Chris Chhern) to announce the sale of their latest coloring book, "Being the Best You!", which would make an awesome holiday gift! Coloring books are available for \$2.00 or \$1.00 a book if you are interested in purchasing a set for a classroom. Contact Mr. Dave Woodley at [Dwoodley@pottstownk12.org](mailto:Dwoodley@pottstownk12.org).





Pottstown High School senior **McKenzie Moser** is living up to the school district mission of preparing each student by name for success at every level. Recently she was accepted into the nursing program at Alvernia University. She was invited to enter the university's honors program where she will have additional opportunities and experiences to challenge her abilities and expand her opportunities. McKenzie is no stranger to challenges, she is the captain of the high school cheerleading team, a member of National Honor Society, president of the DECA marketing club, where she has qualified for state and national competition. This winter she will be appearing in a starring role in the district musical. Her role as Fiona in the production of Shrek will mark the fifth district musical that she has performed in. Her vocal talents include being a member of both the high school and church choir. McKenzie's church activities include volunteering in the children's nursery, vacation bible school and children's church. During the summer she went on church missions to Colorado. This year she was selected as the Pottstown High School Homecoming Queen. She also received recognition from the Pioneer Athletic Conference as the recipient of the Citizen Athlete award. McKenzie Moser is living up to the school district's mission, proving that hard work pays off, and giving us another reason to say proud to be from Pottstown.



Conference as the recipient of the Citizen Athlete award. McKenzie Moser is living up to the school district's mission, proving that hard work pays off, and giving us another reason to say proud to be from Pottstown.

## Career Technical Education Staying On Mission

Pottstown High School Career Technical Education Department is part of our team working to stay on the district mission, to prepare each student by name, for success at every level. Recently Auto Technology teacher Michael Hewitt accompanied three students, who took part in the Regional SkillsUSA competition.

- **Anas Selmi**, placed 4th in Automotive Service Technology
- **Khamya Mayo**, placed 6th in Job Interview Skills
- **Alexa Heater** placed 2nd in Early Childhood Education.

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. Pottstown Director of CTE, Theresa Baller, said the SkillsUSA competition gives our students an opportunity to show case the skills they have mastered that will serve to prepare them to be successful in the workplace.



As a way to celebrate **Career and Technical Education (CTE)** this month, we are kicking it off with our first spotlight: Emme Wolfel! Emme is a PHS class of 2020 graduate. Stay tuned as we share more success stories of our seniors and recent grads.



## Emme Wolfel Success Story

Sophomore at Kutztown University

Major: Sport Management

Minor: Coaching and Athletic Administration

### Courses Taken at PHS:

- Marketing I, II, III
- Entrepreneurship I
- Accounting I
- Economics
- Personal Finance
- Computer Applications

### Courses at KU:

- Intro To Sport Management
- Sports Psychology
- Accounting
- Nutrition
- Personal Finance
- Computer Applications
- Fundamentals of Coaching
- Oral Communications
- Leadership + Team Building
- Managing Sport Organizations

### Future Plans:

- Own a sports training complex like the 422 Sportplex
- Own an all women's gym
- Work for a professional sports team

### Involvement:

- Kutztown Sports Business Institute (KUSBI)
- Kutztown Sport Management Club
- Current college athlete: Women's Soccer
- Summer soccer camp coach
- Notetaker Job for classes at KU

### Advice:

- Get involved in high school and college
- Networking is IMPORTANT
  - Create a LinkedIn account.
- Manage your time and prioritize smartly.



## Accepted in an Instant

Pottstown High School seniors found out, when your school district's mission is to prepare each student, by name, for success, being accepted to college may only take an instant. Recently, admissions counselors from 28 colleges were on hand at Pottstown High School to take part in **Instant Decision Day**. The event was organized by the high school College and Career Counselor Susan Pritt. Counselors met one-on-one with seniors to discuss their application and transcript for admission.

Over 110 acceptances were awarded to students, including full financial scholarships to Cheyney University for **Enam Robinson** and **Kennedy Cole** to Lincoln University.



Members of the junior class also had the opportunity to meet with the counselors and discuss how to best prepare for the college admission process next year.

Pritt said, "This is a proud moment for our students to see their hard work paying off. Being able to bring all these schools together with our students and take some of the stress out of the acceptance process is a relief to students and parents and gives us another reason to say, proud to be from Pottstown."

The colleges in attendance were, Alvernia University, Arcadia University, Bloomsburg University, Clarion University, Cheyney University, Cedar Crest College, Delaware State University, Delaware Valley University, Eastern University, East Stroudsburg University, Elizabethtown University, Harcum College, Harrisburg University, Immaculata University, Kutztown University, Lebanon Valley University, Lincoln University, Lock Haven University, Manor College, Mansfield University, Millersville University, Montgomery County Community College, Moravian University, Neumann University, Penn College of Technology, Shippensburg University, St. Luke's Hospital of Nursing, Temple University, and Widener University.

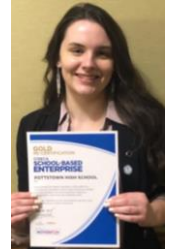


## **Pottstown Marketing Students Earn State Awards**

Members of Pottstown High School's DECA club had a successful showing at the Annual State Career Development Conference, which included students from across the state. Competing in a number of categories, the 16 member team, under the guidance of their advisors, PHS teachers Victoria McShea and Kevin Pascal, earned a number of awards including two students who qualified to advance to the International Career Development Conference later this year where they will test their skills with students from around the world.



- Senior Jayniana Williams placed first in Hotel and Lodging Management and also received a medallion for having the highest role-play score in the category.
- Mackenzie Moser earned a medallion for the highest role play in the Business Service Marketing category and was also recognized for contributing to the Gold Level certification of the Trojan Shop, a school-based enterprise at Pottstown High School.
- Freshman Cheniya Boyer gave notice she will be heard from in the years to come as she was awarded a medallion for the highest test score in the state in the Principles of Finance category.



Competitors take a written test and participate in role play challenges, where students are given scenarios that they have to respond to in a professional manner. Questions from the judges and performance indicators are key aspects of the role plays. The content test includes one hundred questions that test the competitor's knowledge in their competitive categories.

Ms. McShea said, "I am proud of our students who continuously show their dedication to self-improvement and leadership. This year's state competition was the first in-person conference in two years. Nevertheless, we showed that obstacles can be overcome. We were awarded the 2021-2022 DECA Membership Campaign Award and the Tier 1 DECA Chapter for our Plan of Action which encompasses the four tiers of a DECA chapter including community-oriented, professionally responsible, academically prepared, and experienced leaders. Our community's future is bright in the hands of PHS students."

### **Competitors included:**

- Jayniana Williams - Hotel and Lodging Management
- Mackenzie Moser - Business Service Marketing
- Alianna Samuel - Integrated Marketing Campaign- Product
- Jamie Freese - Integrated Marketing Campaign – Product
- Michelle Castillo - Business Growth Plan
- Daishawna Dean - Business Growth Plan
- Gerle Jimenez-Gomez - Business Growth Plan
- Melody Jackson - Innovation Plan
- Josiah Wilson - Innovation Plan
- Peyton Benfield - Marketing Management Team Decision Making
- Makenna Franey - Marketing Management Team Decision Making
- Cheynia Boyer - Principles of Finance
- Elizabeth Adedeji - Principles of Marketing
- Adam Alaoui - Job Interview
- Daniela Castillo - Principles of Finance
- Dasia Thornton-Bey - Principles of Hospitality and Tourism





## MIDDLE SCHOOL

### Volunteer Mentorship Program Receives Support

Jeff Richardson spent many hours volunteering his time as a mentor at Pottstown Middle School in the Created For Greatness program before pancreatic cancer cut his life short. He could be found in the cafeteria, classroom and hallways talking to students, providing them with support and guidance. Before he passed away the company he worked for, Movement Mortgage gave him the opportunity to donate \$10,000 to support mentorship at the middle school. Jeff chose STRIVE, a mentoring group headed by Pottstown High School grad David Charles. Prior to passing he also requested that instead of flowers and cards a donation be made to STRIVE. The donations were matched by Movement Mortgage. A check for \$17,237 was presented to STRIVE during a ceremony at the middle school attended by Jeff's family, volunteers, school administrators and school board members. David Charles said Jeff made a difference in many lives. This donation will keep his dream of helping students gain support and build strong mentor relationships live on.



Picture ID left to right: Son Ryan Richardson, Wife Doreen Richardson, and David Charles, STRIVE President



### Middle School Student Prepares For Success At The Next Level

The Pottstown Music Department is helping to prepare students for success at every level.



Congratulations to **Colin Plank** for being accepted to the West Chester University High School Honors Percussion Ensemble. While this ensemble is advertised as being for students in grades 9-12, Colin, an 8th grader, was up for the challenge and put together an exceptional audition video consisting of snare drum, timpani and marimba that earned him a membership invitation. The honors percussion ensemble rehearses at the university on weekends in preparation for the Percussion Ensemble Concert on Tuesday, April 19th at 8:15 pm in the Swope Music Building. After listening to Colin play you will have another reason to say Proud to be from Pottstown.

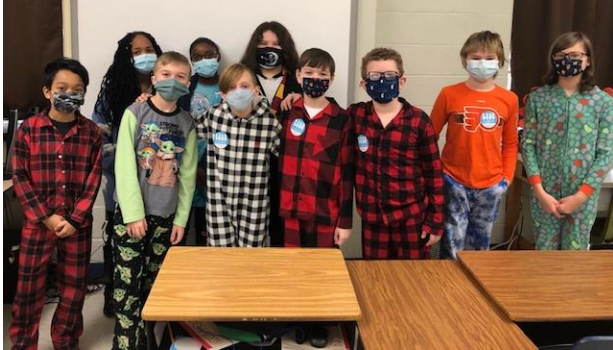




## Middle School Students Show Support for Ill Classmate

Fifth grade students at Pottstown Middle School wanted to show support for their classmate Joseph "JJ" Pollock, who is battling cancer. With the help of their teacher Ashley Thornton, they organized a Pajama Day fundraiser to benefit Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, where "JJ" is being treated. Sponsors donated a dollar to each student who came to school wearing their pajamas. They were successful in raising over \$600.

Thornton said, "I am very proud of our students. Giving back and creating a sense of community are important to us here at the middle school. By supporting "JJ", the funds we raised for CHOP will be used to create breakthroughs for sick and injured kids here and all around the world."





## Joseph John Pollock IV



Joseph John “JJ” Pollock IV, 11, peacefully passed away on February 23, 2022, with his family by his side. Born in Pottstown, PA, on January 22, 2011, JJ was the son of Joseph John Pollock III and Rachel Marie (Calancea) Pollock.

JJ was a proud fifth grade student at Pottstown Middle School. He was known for his love of war history (especially WWII), video games, his dog Kara, his infectious grin and great sense of humor. Most importantly, JJ loved spending time with his family and friends. He could always be expected to be in the center of the laughs and mischief. Often referred to by his parents as their “little old man,” JJ was an old soul who was placed on this Earth to teach us the value of kindness, compassion and to find the joy in all things. JJ’s life was nothing short of a miraculous one. He courageously battled cancer since August of 2019 with a resilience and fortitude that inspired all who knew of his story. In the words of Dr. Seuss, “Don’t cry because it’s over, smile because it happened.” Those who were blessed to have met JJ know that his sweet smile and enthusiastic laugh will live on in our hearts forever and will be an inspiration for all to love and live life as he did.

In addition to his parents, JJ is lovingly remembered by his sister, Bella Pollock; his paternal grandparents, Joseph Pollock Jr. and Jill (Ritschard) Pollock; his maternal grandmother, Earline (Hefelfinger) Medina; his maternal grandfather and step-grandmother, George and Lucy Calancea; and his aunts and uncles, Jason and Hope Pollock, and their children, Tegan, Bailey, and baby boy on the way; Liz and Kenny Cobb, and their daughter, Coco Jo; Gheorghe Calancea, and his daughter, Ava; Jessica Medina, and her daughter, Dylan; Carlos Medina, Rebekah Medina, and her children, Aiden, Eli, Wesley, Gabriel, and Bryson; Elizabeth Calancea, and Joshua Calancea. JJ was predeceased by his step-grandfather, Juan Medina.

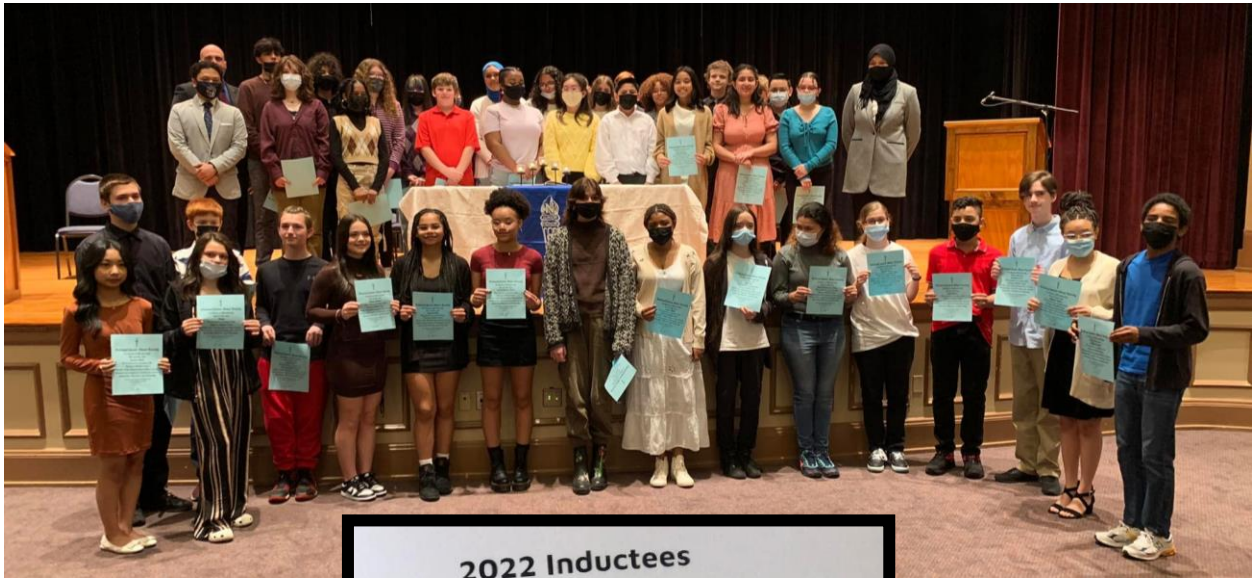
JJ’s family would like to thank the nurses, doctors, and staff at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, and the numerous charities and foundations that have supported JJ throughout the last couple of years.

## Middle School Honor Society Induction

Pottstown Middle School conducted the National Junior Honor Society induction ceremonies. Superintendent Stephen Rodriguez in his opening remarks congratulated students on their hard work which led to academic success. Keynote speaker Judge Scott Palladino commended students on their work ethic and integrity to prepare for success.

High school Honor Society officers **Jimi Chavalaporn** and **Nada Elgendy** guided the candle lighting ceremony.

Trojan Proud of our students who are preparing for success and learning that hard work pays off. Principal Brian Hosteler noted, "We are staying on our district mission to prepare each student, by name, for success at every level."



### 2022 Inductees

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| Ava Alessi             | Megan McGinn           |
| Christiana Allen       | Justina Nhirn          |
| Dimitrus Alston        | Nevaeh Peaco           |
| Leah Blackwell         | Carice Peart           |
| Essence Brown          | Colin Plank            |
| Brianna Bui            | Nye Powell             |
| Santiago Castillo      | Triniti Rhodes-Fisher  |
| Annasophia Chhern      | Clara Rios             |
| Michelle Cocar Paredes | Shane Ritchie          |
| Mairelys Concepcion    | Johan Rivera           |
| Hugo Costa             | Skylar Romano          |
| Isabella Deluca        | Brighton Scott         |
| Austin Derstine        | Garrett Shope          |
| Wesam Elgendy          | Natalie Shope          |
| Lily Felix             | Olivia Stitt           |
| Cheyenne Flamer        | Anthony Suber          |
| Saniyah Fox            | Allyana Sykes          |
| Damion Fry             | Ethan Ung              |
| Josue Funes            | Cianne Wells           |
| Jayanna Hill           | Colin White            |
| Arek Javage            | Amelia Maldonado-Rivas |





## ELEMENTARY

### Mom makes sure students stay warm

Many of us may remember when we were young being told to wear a hat in cold weather. Barth Elementary School first graders in Mrs. Kathy Eagle's class not only get the reminder, but thanks to Kathy's mother, Chris Rhoads, a member of the district's Golden Sage volunteer program, they each have a hand crocheted winter hat to wear.



### Class Project Earns Gold Medal

Congratulations to Rupert Elementary second grade teacher Stacey Bauman and her class on bringing home the "Olympic" gold in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) snowboarding classroom activity. With an Olympic theme, students used collaboration and communications skills to learn about the sport of snowboarding. They constructed snowboarders and snowboards to hold downhill races for classroom gold.





## **RUPERT I'MPACT Visits Help Build Foundation For Successful Mission**

The success of our district mission, to prepare each student, by name, for success at every level is built on a foundation of teamwork. The Rupert Elementary I'MPACT team visits the homes of its students. The team goes out to visit students from each grade level to congratulate them and their families, and to acknowledge student successes during the First 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 Second Marking Period:**

- ❖ Kindergarten - Oakland Soto
- ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> Grade - Haneef Rains
- ❖ 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade - Brooklyn Champlin
- ❖ 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade - Ahmir Terry Harvey
- ❖ 4<sup>th</sup> Grade - Breanna Hillegas

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

Principal: Matthew Moyer

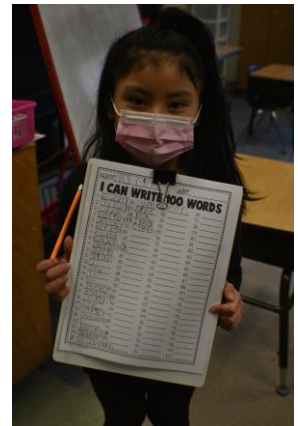
Teachers: Kerry Kline, Kelsey Hultz, Lauren Crean, Laurie Gresko, Cindy Bartolucci, Treena Ferguson, Beth Burkheimer, Molly Callaghan, and Kalena Pippert





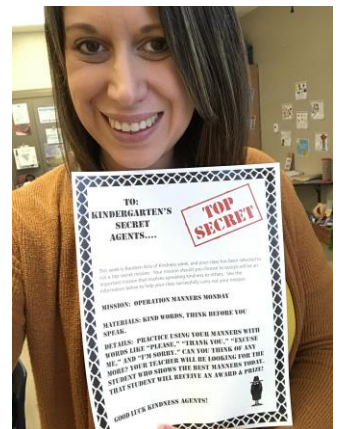
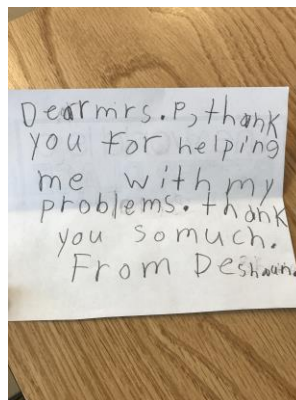
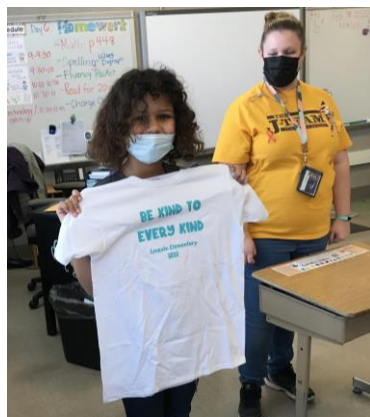
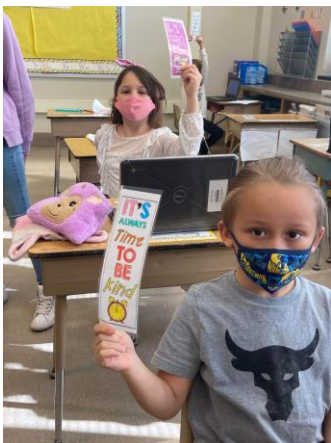
## Celebrate 100 days by 2's at Lincoln

Students and staff at Lincoln Elementary all joined in on the fun of learning about the calendar and mathematics. Kindergarten students in Robin Anderson, Chris Sperat and Kari Kindig's classes celebrated the 100th day of school with lots of counting activities, including writing 100 words, making snack bracelets counting by ones. The entire school came ready to celebrate the calendar on 2-2-2022 with ties, tennis shoes and tutus.



## Operation Kindness

Lincoln Elementary students and staff participated in Operation Kindness during the Week of February 14th-18th. Every day each class was given an envelope with a kindness operation they needed to complete. Some examples included writing a thank you note to someone, playing with someone new at recess, giving out compliments in class, making bookmarks for younger students, coloring pictures for the lunch proctors or using manners. Prizes were awarded daily to a student who exemplified the most kindness throughout the day. At the end of the week one student from each class was chosen for showing the most kindness during the week. Lincoln principal Calista Boyer said, the outpouring of kindness by our students brings joy to my heart. Knowing that this week is helping students build a foundation for living a life of kindness to others makes me proud of our Lincoln team.



## Elementary Reading Olympics



Students from Barth and Franklin elementary schools earned honors at the 21st annual county-wide Reading Olympics, sponsored by the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit. The Barth and Franklin Fantastic Readers teams, which were advised by teachers Nikki Alutius and Regina Collins earned a red ribbon.

This year's Reading Olympic team was composed of teachers and students from both Barth and Franklin Elementary schools. The students practiced virtually throughout the year to prepare for the competition which requires that teams read 25 books selected from a reading list. During each round, teams must attempt to answer 25 questions given in rapid-fire fashion from the moderators.

Barth team members included: Isaiah McGoldrick-Cheeseboro, Dahmya Skai Britt-Johnson, Ava Harris, Jazaya Jones, Chloe Kinzel, and Jashir Carter.

Franklin students included: Hannah Jaycox, Emma Campbell, Aaron Kahn, Analise Snowden, and Aiyanna Zipay.

Ms. Collins said, "Our students are learning that hard work pays off and will contribute to future success."

Their performance and teamwork at the competition is 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@pottstownk12.org](mailto:jarmato@pottstownk12.org).

- **Diane M. (Fisher) Martz** - Class of 1975 - was the wife of Richard A. Martz. Born in Pottsville, PA, she was the daughter of the late Clyde E. Fisher and Anna L. (Calabro) Fisher. Her passion was jewelry making and going antiquing with her husband. She also enjoyed reading in her spare time. Diane faithfully attended Grace Lutheran Church in Pottstown for many years.



- **Roberta J. "Bobbie" (Schmearer) Shaner**, 89, - Class of 1950 - of Pottstown, widow of Gordon G. Shaner, passed away at her residence. Born in Pottstown, PA, she was a daughter of the late Robert E. Schmearer and the late Sara K. (Kurtz) Park. Bobbie worked as an assistant for Dr. David D. Detar for thirteen years. She was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Pottstown. She enjoyed time with friends from "Ellis Drugstore". Her favorite place was Ocean City, NJ and listening to the ocean.



- **Donald Keely Grim** - Class of 1952 - was the son of the late E. Donald Grim and Frances Marie (Keely) Grim. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Dairy Husbandry from the National Agricultural College, now Delaware Valley University, and was the President of the Class of 1958. He later received his Teaching Certificate and Master of Education Degree from Temple University. For 38 years, Donald was a Science Teacher in the Boyertown Area School District. He was the Offensive Line Coach and Head Football Coach of the Boyertown Bears for 28 years. He was also the Head Coach for the Track Team for 38 years. Additionally, he was the Director of the Venzke Relays for 30 years. Donald was inducted into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame, the Delaware Valley University Hall of Fame, and was an All-American Football Lineman. In 1958, he was drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers. Donald was a member, Deacon, and Elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Pottstown.



# FALLEN TROJANS

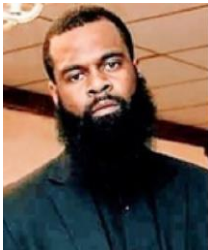
- [Lola Mae Berriker](#) - Class of 1943 - Lola Mae was born in the Berriker family home on Schuylkill Road in Douglassville, PA. She was blessed to live in this home until March of 2020. After graduating she worked for Vaughn Knitting Mill and Neapco, both of Pottstown, PA. In 1959, Lola Mae began working as a clerk for Bell Telephone, until her retirement in 1985. Outside of work, Lola Mae enjoyed traveling, gardening and working in the back acreage of her property along the canal. She also enjoyed family visits with her siblings and their children and participating in church services and activities at Temple United Methodist Church.



- [A. Kathryn \(Fleisch\) Ertman](#) - Class of 1946 - was the wife of the late Ralph L. Ertman. Born in Upper Pottsgrove, she was the daughter of the late Jacob and Elizabeth (Klein) Fleisch. She worked at National Bank of Boyertown from 1962-1988. She also worked as a tour escort for Klein Tours. Kathryn also delivered meals on wheels from 1990-2005 and volunteered at Boyertown Senior Center Bingo.



- [Darrius Waller](#) – Class of 2004 – Darrius Montayis Waller transitioned on December 5, 2021 in Pottstown, PA. He was 36 years of age. He will be missed by family and friends who will celebrate his life on Saturday, December 18, 2021 at Pottstown High School. Darrius was the son of Charlene Waller and a standout athlete while at Pottstown High School.



- [Sean T. Robbins](#) – Class of 2005 - Sean Tyrell Robbins born September 1, 1986 and transitioned on Sunday, January 23, 2022 in Pottstown, PA at the age of 35. He will be missed by his loving family and friends who will celebrate his life on Saturday, January 29, 2022. Sean was the son of mother Lori Wallace, father Vernon Robbins, and William Wallace (step-father). He was a standout football player at Pottstown High School and still holds records for most receptions in a game (12), most receptions in a season (39), and most receptions in a career (64). After graduation he obtained his CDL and started his career with Penndot. He also found a love for DJing, following in his father's footsteps. He coached PAL youth football for ten years making a strong impact of the youth of the Pottstown Community. In 2012 he started his CrossFit journey which led to one of his proudest moments – finishing 1<sup>st</sup> place at Festivus Games alongside his mother Lori. Sean's life revolved around his family. He enjoyed coaching his sons, indulging in one of Pottstown's favorites, Brunish's, and listening to music with his daughter.





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- [Vincent Elmer Rettew Jr.](#) – Class of 1951 - was the eldest son of Vincent and Irma Rettew. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1955, was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and Mask & Wig club. He also served in the Korean War as a Captain in the Army. He moved to Walnut Creek, CA in 1969 and soon after started his own business which he owned and operated for over 40 years. Vincent was an amazing husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He loved to dance, golf, play cards and most of all tell jokes.



- [Austin Scott Spence Ramos](#) - Class of 2021 - passed away Saturday, February 12th, 2022. He was 19 years old. Austin was born in Newark, DE on October 19th, 2002 but lived most of his life in Pottstown, PA until he recently left to attend West Chester University. Austin had aspirations of majoring in Psychology, completing a doctorate program, and one day opening his own private practice. He wanted to help people. Austin was a graduate of Pottstown High School where he was an accomplished student. He was a member of the National Honor Society and graduated with honors in 2021. He made the dean's list while completing 28 college credits in his last two years of high school which helped him earn multiple scholarships. Austin was successful inside and outside the classroom. He was active in the school's musical theater program and recently acknowledged the opening night of "Hairspray", where he played the male lead character, as the highlight of his high school experience. Music, both in the theater and outside of it, was one of his greatest passions. One of Austin's other passions was playing hockey and helping children learn and enjoy the sport. He played DEK Hockey for 10 seasons. He was also a coach and a referee for younger DEK Hockey players in the Pottstown and Reading communities. In everything Austin did, he made a positive impact on those around him. His kindheartedness and positive attitude left the world better than he found it. His greatest accomplishment will always be the joy he brought to those that loved and knew him.



- [Douglas Alan Dilliplane](#) - Class of 1978 - was raised and deeply involved in Pottstown for most of his life. Doug was active on the baseball and wrestling teams. He continued wrestling at Drexel University where he was a member of Tau Epsilon Phi and earned a Master's degree in Civil Engineering in 1983. Doug raised his four children with Karen Weary Dilliplane in Pottstown, and contributed actively to the local community. He served as an advisor to the Borough for over a decade. He was also active in local politics, American Legion baseball and coached youth baseball and soccer teams. Doug shared his love of National Parks and road trips with his children, visiting all 50 states. Called westward, he lived and worked in Bismarck, ND and Las Vegas, NV in his later years. Doug was quiet and fiercely loyal. He was a devoted father, family member, and friend.





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- [Ruth Virginia Senat Spaide](#) passed away peacefully in her home on Saturday, January 15, 2022 at the age of 98. She was the widow of Raymond Spaide Jr. who left this earth in 2016. She was the daughter of Julian Earl Senat and Sarah Senat (Walker). Ruth was born in Philadelphia, Pa on April 2, 1923. Ruth graduated from Tredyffrin Easttown High School at the age of 16 and went on to West Chester State Teachers College. She was a teacher for 42 years. She worked at Schuylkill School in Phoenixville, then she worked in the Newtown Square School District, Pottsgrove School District and her final 27 years were spent in the Pottstown School District. During the Bicentennial, Ruth had her Kindergarten students create squares that were sewn into a quilt. That quilt hangs in the hallway at Rupert to this day.



- [Willamena Kelly](#) - 86, passed away at her daughter's home in Durham, North Carolina on Thursday, February 10, 2022. Born Willie Mae in Orangeburg, South Carolina, Willamena is the last surviving child of Joseph and Amelia Williams. In 1953, she graduated from Girls High School in Brooklyn, NY. She and Sgt. James N. Boyd (dec.) married. Willamena loved traveling to bases across the U.S. and Germany as a military wife. She proudly earned her jump wings with the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC. While stationed at Valley Forge, they settled in Pottstown, Pennsylvania in 1968 where they raised five children. Willamena loved her family, cooking, and socializing with friends. Through her employment with Pottstown Public Schools, she combined her passion for food and people by working in elementary and junior high school cafeterias. Until her retirement, she enjoyed getting to know the children and grandchildren of her friends and kept her pockets full for students who needed lunch money.





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- [Elizabeth A. Huddy](#) – 90, Elizabeth “Betty” Alice (Fosnocht) Huddy, 90, passed away peacefully at her home in Pottstown, PA, on February 14, 2022. Raised in Birdsboro, PA, she was the daughter of the late Havard and Florence (Rhodes) Fosnocht. Betty was graduated from Birdsboro High School as the valedictorian in 1949. A proud member of Phi Beta Kappa, she earned a Bachelor of Arts from Dickinson College and a Master of Education from the University of Pennsylvania. Upon her graduation from college, Betty began her teaching career at Pottstown High School in 1953. For over thirty years as an English teacher, her love of language and literature was apparent. She insured that her students were



well read in literary classics, understood proper grammar, were drilled in vocabulary, and memorized the Alma Mater. She was a drama coach, a class advisor, and author of the mantle ceremony that concludes each graduation. But she was best known as the editorial advisor of the Troiad, leading students to publish exemplary yearbooks for fifteen years. Outside of work, Betty was a member of The Order of the Eastern Star, she collected a preposterous number of turtles, and she enjoyed spending many happy summers with family and friends on Long Beach Island, NJ.



*Sometimes the most obvious is the most overlooked, and more often than not we fail to show our gratitude. Today we show more than gratitude. We show our love.*

*Beginning her teaching career over thirty years ago, this notable advisor and teacher has been with Pottstown Senior High since 1953. A graduate of Dickinson College, West Chester University, and University of Pennsylvania, she has helped many college-bound students with everything from letters of admission to financial aid forms, has written notebooks full of recommendations, and has also been a personable and amiable teacher. As a teacher of English, she has earned the respect of both students and faculty. She is the only person to have had recited Hamlet 990 times and is the only person who knows Jerome Shostak better than he himself. She creates in her classroom a relaxed, objective atmosphere with her comical, often too-familiar stories, yet establishes rules and discipline to institute a pleasant and productive learning environment.*

*The esteemed woman behind the desk has also been an exemplary leader. As a rookie teacher she coached the Senior Class Play and Senior Class Night activities. She was advisor of the class of 1970 for two years after returning from a four year absence, and presently she is one of the organizing forces in carrying out our mantle ceremony at graduation.*

*The quality of her work has not surpassed its quality, though. As a teacher she demands respect and maturity, and as an advisor she seeks reliability and leadership.*

*Probably her best known endeavor is that of Troiad editorial advisor. Our heartfelt thanks go out to her for her patience and many hours of hard work which have produced fifteen Troiads. Today, we thank her for thirty plus years of unselfish, unrecognized service.*

*It is with the utmost respect and warmest gratitude that we dedicate the 1985 Troiad to . . .*



Mrs. Elizabeth Huddy

- [Vivianne Watson Jones](#) - Vivianne Watson Jones passed away on Friday at the age of 90. She started her career as a Kindergarten teacher at Jefferson Elementary on 9/1/1966 and retired with 25 years of service on 6/14/1991. Vivianne also taught 5th and 6th grade at Jefferson and then taught 6th grade at West End School which became Barth Elementary. Vivianne finished her years of teaching Reading and Social Studies at the Middle School.



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- [Barbara Zern](#) passed away Friday, March 18th. Barbara was a teacher at Pottstown School District for 10 years. She helped with the Art Goes to School Program. Barbara also was a Golden Sage volunteer at Edgewood and at Lincoln Elementary with Chris Sperat.



- [Beatrice Elaine \(Buckwalter\) Noel](#) passed away on Tuesday, March 8, 2022. Elaine was the wife of the late Nicholas Noel, Jr. She was born April 16, 1929, the daughter of Mary Helen Knauer Buckwalter and Jesse G. Buckwalter of Pottstown PA. Elaine attended Penn State University, then graduated from Ursinus College with a Bachelors' degree in Business Administration and Economics. She also held a Masters degree in education from Temple University. She became a teacher in 1963 of World History and



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High School, retiring in 1986. During her tenure, she was a sponsor of the girls' Anchor Club. Elaine also was a community volunteer serving at Pottstown Memorial Medical Center until 2010. In lieu of flowers, gifts in her memory may be made to Heifer International, P.O. Box 8058, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203.



*Sometimes we fail to recognize the modest. Today we do more than recognize a modest woman. Today, we honor her.*

*A graduate of Ursinus College, Penn State and Temple Universities, she has served on the staff of Pottstown High School since 1963. During her twenty-one years at P.H.S. she has taught world history and United States history. She has motivated her students by taking ordinary class assignments and, through skillful teaching, making them interesting. She is remembered for her engaging supplementary stories as well as her horrendous map tests.*

*She has long been the organizing force behind many banquets, teas, productions, and school related functions. Since taking over the helm of the Anchor Club in 1981, she has expanded the club by instituting such programs as Toys for Tots and school clean-up projects.*

*Her strong personality and her desire to strive for perfection inspire the students around her to work toward goals. She sets an example for us by having the qualities of an established professional and also the femininity of a woman. In the words of one of her Anchor Club girls, "This lady has it all together!"*

*These attributes lead us to dedicate the 1984 Troiad to ...*

*Mrs. Elaine Noel*

- [Jacquita Thompson-Wilkerson](#) - 49, of Coatesville, PA, passed away suddenly on Sunday, March 13, 2022, at her residence. Born in Lancaster, PA, she was the beloved daughter of Vanessa Thompson Lewis and James N. Griffy. Jacquita was a 1990 graduate of Octorara High School. She attended Delaware County Community College. Jacquita enjoyed doing hair and was a very talented hairdresser. She received her license from Gordon Phillips Beauty Academy. She had a teaching license as well. Jacquita also worked at Barth Elementary and Pottstown High School as a school secretary from 2001 to 2005.





## ALUMNI

- **PHS Trojan ALUM Is All Heart - Jeff Moyer** - Class of 1989, is a Health and Physical Education Teacher at the Spring-Ford 5th & 6th Grade Center. He was recently recognized for his efforts supporting the American Heart Association through the Hoops For Heart Program. A former Rupert Elementary student, he lost his father to heart disease. Yearly, he organizes the fundraiser for his school's students and staff. They participate in a variety of basketball activities and raise money to support the American Heart Association's mission to fight heart disease and stroke. Heart disease is the number 1 killer worldwide. This is a cause and event he is passionate about and single-handedly organizes each spring. This year the fundraiser was **4th in the nation, raising \$14,058!** His efforts over the last 25 years have raised close to **\$300,000 dollars for the American Heart Association.**



- Trojan Proud of PHS grad **Martin Metzger** – Class of 2018 - who recently graduated from Hawaiian Pacific University with a degree in teaching. While in high school he was an outstanding student athlete who ran cross country, track and played basketball. Another example of Preparing each student, by name, for success at every level. More reason to say Proud to be from Pottstown.



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- PHS 2020 grad **Bobby Richards** is living up to our school district mission, to prepare each student, by name, for success at every level. In his second year at Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, he is showing he was prepared for success in both the classroom and on the field. Bobby was recently named to the Dean's List. His major field of concentration is in the area of masonry. He is also staying on mission athletically, he had three interceptions to help lead the football team to a successful season. Well prepared for success, his hard work is paying off and giving us more reason to say, Proud to be from Pottstown!



- PHS 2019 grad **Abigail Krause** is a junior at Johnson and Wales University, where she is an honor student and a member of the women's lacrosse team. Next Fall she will be interning with the athletic nutrition department at the University of Georgia and working with their national champion football team. Hard work pays off. Thanks for giving us another reason to say, proud to be from Pottstown.

- PHS 2019 grad **Reilly Owens** is a Junior member of the Gwynedd Mercy Women's Lacrosse team. This season as goalie she is leading all Division III teams in saves. Recently she recorded her 200th career save. Hard work pays off. Thanks for another reason to say proud to be from Pottstown.

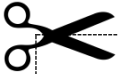






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