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Class of 2017 Senior Spotlight

The 62nd Annual Commencement Exercises were held on June 9, 2017 and included 376 graduates. Each student had a unique school experience and each student's aspirations for the future are also distinctive. During the ceremony, Dr. Richard Marchini, High School Principal, offered insights about the class. "This is an amazing group of students who have demonstrated excellence in the classroom and in so many extra-curricular programs including clubs, sports, and music. The awards, scholarships, and lengthy list of accolades are so impressive. However, there is truly one word for which to describe this class – kind. This community has witnessed these students grow, mature, develop into young men and women. During that time they have been actively involved in thousands of hours of community service. They fundraised tens of thousands of dollars. They have helped so many people in their efforts. Their kindness is truly hard to fully describe. Even more impressive, they have been kind to each other and those around them- daily. They were role models to the other students, parents, and this staff. They created a culture of caring and consequently a very positive environment for learning. With a large school with many stakeholders, I could always count on them to be part of the solution to the many challenges involved."

Dr. Michael Christian, Superintendent of Schools, commented, "In these politically charged times, we need to be willing to hear one another and face our mutual difficulties. This is where we can all learn a little something from the Class of 2017. They are able to talk to, and listen to people whose perceptions are different from their own. Their passion, tempered with humility, has been a recipe for success."

The graduate biographies below give a sense of the diversity of experiences, interests, and aspirations of the Class of 2017. Congratulations to all graduates!



Francesca Carroll proclaims she is a "big personality" and feels "road ready" for the "real world" due to the skills she has acquired at Owen J. Roberts.

Having been part of a very successful lacrosse team, conference champions for three years in a row, Francesca will draw from the many lessons of working with a group toward a common goal. Francesca received the Coach's Award for lacrosse. She was also a member of the homecoming court and the 2017 Prom Queen.

Francesca was involved with the Horticulture and Leo Clubs. She babysits at church. She felt supported and part of a "Wildcat" family at Owen J. Roberts High School. She was especially thankful that her learning experiences were authentic in the sense that she acquired useful skills, such as CPR and driver's skills and also learned useful applications from core subjects, such as applying measurements to a home project using math.

Francesca loves Owen J. Roberts, saying, "We have great teachers, amazing staff, and friendly kids". She is excited to open the next chapter of her life. She will be studying Communications: Broadcasting/ Telecommunications at Manhattan College and hopes to land a broadcasting internship in New York City.



Eric Hughes held several offices in Student Government: communications, secretary, and vice president. He was also very involved with the Horticulture Club. He was

a member of National Honor Society, Environmental Club (secretary), Spanish Club, and was on the tennis team. Eric is on the East Coventry Township Parks, Recreation, and Conservation Committee and works for Green Valleys Watershed Association (GVA). His grounds keeping work at GVA evolved to performing bioacoustics research. Eric built a solar-powered recording unit that continually records sounds in a surrounding area. He can use the recordings to build models that identify bird species without first-hand observation. Eric is also involved in a collaborative approach to wildlife tracking through a system called MOTUS. The MOTUS system will help scientists understand bird migration using radio telemetry devices and receptor towers. Thanks to Eric, GVA plans to install a receptor tower.

Eric credits teachers for helping him get out of his comfort zone and explore outside opportunities. Mrs. Tinder connected him with GVA and encouraged his bird-friendly butterfly garden project in the high school courtyard. Mr. Richardson worked with him on his schedule so that he might be in the field conducting research for eBird.org. Eric leads bird walks and has helped install bird boxes in local parks. Six years ago Birding Magazine named him Young Birder of the Year. He will attend Cornell University in the fall and study Environmental and Sustainability Sciences. He hopes to pursue independent research and dreams of traveling to pursue and support endangered species.



Michael Giandonato said he takes a lot of pride in having attended Owen J. Roberts loving absolutely everything about it, especially the learning experiences provided by teachers.

He feels a bond to teachers in elementary, middle, and high school and chose a smaller college in hopes of continuing to build those professional relationships. He took Honors Hybrid English this year and learned how to rely on self-motivation in order to complete each day's work. He is interested in fitness, nutrition, and working out. He feels that his class is advanced in the way they chose to get along and respect others. Michael is

grateful for the leadership experience he developed as captain of the lacrosse team. He will be playing lacrosse for Elizabethtown College where he is leaning toward a degree in Business Administration or Entrepreneurship.



Samantha Cress was in the color guard in the marching band from 7th grade to senior year attending nearly every single football game and cavalcade competition.

Samantha also participated in GSA, stage crew, Junior Paranormal Investigators Association (JPIA), indoor color guard, indoor drum line, Anchor club, Reading Olympics, and Shakespeare Festival. She felt fortunate to have a leadership role in marching band two years in a row as co-captain and flag captain and senior year as head captain.

Samantha joined stage crew her sophomore year. She calls it "kind of accidental" and claims to be continuing to learn with some knowledge in lighting technology and backstage technology and routines. She developed a profound appreciation for everything it takes to make a show or event happen. With stage crew, she also has made the best friends she could hope for hanging out for hours after school in the auditorium before play practice or musical practice simply talking, playing games and eating. A favorite memory was the creation of the "cuddle puddle" pile of teenagers in a "mess on the floor telling dumb jokes". She will always laugh and remember being really happy during those times. Samantha hopes to continue working in a similar club in college to continue learning and making connections with new friends and students.

Outside of school, Samantha volunteered with a youth group called Common Ground Youth. She volunteered because she "loved to help people". This summer she will be traveling to Louisiana again to help victims of Katrina and the Baton Rouge flooding in 2016.

Samantha was admitted into Teacher Leadership Academy through Technical College High School and was able to spend 21 weeks of field experience in the classroom creating and giving lessons as well as learning how to manage classroom behavior, operate the copier, and log and record grades. This course allowed her to earn college credits and solidified her idea that she wanted to pursue a career in elementary education and special education.

Samantha will be attending Millersville University and double major in elementary education (pre-k through 4) and special education (pre-k through 8) with a minor in Spanish. She is excited to experience autonomy, and is equally as excited to start her way towards her career as a teacher. "I have wanted to be a teacher since I was young and it's becoming a reality now!"

Evan Massa was Team MVP in varsity lacrosse, also winning All-Academic Award and Citizenship Awards. Through the Gifted



Individualized Education Program, he designed and implemented the first Wildcat Youth Lacrosse Camp that was held annually at the high school over the summer to

bridge the learning gap between local community youth lacrosse programs and the competitive high school program. He was also Leo Club President and a member of National Honor Society.

Outside of school, skiing is "hands down" his favorite hobby. Volunteering in the emergency room at Pottstown Memorial Medical Center and shadowing orthopedic surgeons at PENN Presbyterian Hospital helped solidify his decision to pursue medicine as a future career.

Thinking back on his experience at Owen J. Roberts, Evan felt lucky to have had the opportunity to take a rigorous class schedule, be provided with countless opportunities for personal growth, and make friends that will last a lifetime. He will never forget scoring a sudden-death goal to beat Boyertown in his senior lacrosse season. "Being able to experience that moment with my team beside me and the student body in the stands was one of my most exciting memories," he said.

Due to the rigor of classes, Evan felt that OJR prepared him for college by teaching vital time management skills and independent study skills. Evan will attend the University of Maryland where he is excited by a "beautiful campus, excellent academics, and strong sports teams, and are in close proximity to both Baltimore and Washington D.C., offering countless opportunities for internship and fun".



William Venza was a member of concert band, orchestra, and the Coventry Rugby Varsity Team. He served as Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC)

operations officer and, with his brothers, founded a charity called Venza Brothers 4 Others manning drop points for community collection of backpacks and school supplies for the Coventry Food Pantry. Will remains thankful for an opportunity to go to the American Legion Keystone Boys State summer program. Designed to supplement high school civics classes, the program hopes to train young people in the ideals and objectives of American Government. That program and Will's involvement in NJROTC created an interest in serving in the U.S. military after college.

Will attributed Owen J. Roberts School District to helping him develop problem solving skills. His community of friends and role models instilled in him a desire to help others and to see adverse situations

as an opportunity to help others. He credits outstanding teachers for unlocking an interest in physics and engineering. William will be attending Temple University to study mechanical engineering. He chose to go to Temple because of its diversity, urban environment, and excellent engineering program. "I'm excited to acquire as much knowledge as possible and apply it hopefully making the world a better and safer place."



Justin Cervi received several awards for citizenship and good character. He was class valedictorian, WPVI Best of the Class, president of the National Honor

Society, and captain of the varsity basketball team. He was a member of Leo Club, and an altar server at his church. He sees the Class of 2017 as being intellectually diverse, passionate, ambitious, and supportive of one another's successes. He will always remember mini-THON for being a unique way to come together with others to do something good. Mini-THON events happen in high schools across the country and are overnight lock-in events which raise money for research to help end childhood cancer and to support families of children with cancer. Owen J. Roberts High School students surpassed their goal of 650 dancers raising \$55,000 this year. Justin credits his schooling for helping him learn to manage time between schoolwork and extracurricular activities. His love of math was supported through the math courses in high school giving him reason to pursue a math-based business career and business studies at Villanova University.



In grade 10, **Hailey Stock** won "Best Music Video" at the Greenfield Youth Film Festival at Upper Dublin High School. She loves to make films and was president of

Owen J. Roberts Video Production Club. She feels thankful to have had many opportunities to explore different electives at Owen J. Roberts, and ultimately feels as though she found her place in film production. She credits her film teacher, Mr. Sponagle, for helping her with connections and advice. Hailey worked as a waitress at Giovanni's and says that there was always so much going on at school that there was something to look forward to each day. Hailey plans to attend Montgomery County Community College in the fall to save money and get basic courses out of the way. She then hopes to transfer to Temple University to study Film and Media Arts. Hailey loves to take photos of places she visits and hopes to document her adventures in the world.

Jacob Buckwalter used his passion for music to write an essay titled, "Pottstown Orchestra" that landed him the local \$30,000 Shandy Hill Scholarship. The essay imagined ordinary activities of a typical day in his life with musical accompaniment.



He credited his Language Arts classes and Jazz Band equally for helping to see things with a metaphorical perspective and for gaining confidence improvising.

Jacob was part of Owen J. Roberts Concert Band, Marching Band, Jazz Band, Choir, 7-Ups Show Choir, Concert Orchestra and Select Orchestra, having leadership roles in many of those groups. His musical pursuits continued outside of school with a band called the Bucktown Brass Brigade. He imagines that musical events may shape his memories of Owen J. Roberts High School, whether he conjures the feeling of marching onto the football field or remembers Mr. Mengel's "Are we ready?" warm up cheer in which the band would recount, "WITH PRIDE". Jacob participated in Odyssey of the Mind for seven years. He attended camps at Steel River Playhouse and had the lead role in the OJR fall play, "You Can't Take It with You". As a senior and student body president, he also attended every regular meeting of the Owen J. Roberts Board of School Directors providing a student activity report to the Board. Jacob appreciated being able to take rigorous science and engineering courses while being involved in the Arts. While he looked at many of the country's top engineering schools, Jacob ultimately landed with Penn State where he will have plenty of opportunities in the Arts and where he felt the sense of school pride for which he had become accustomed to at Owen J. Roberts. Jacob hopes to branch into Nuclear Engineering and Law. He would like to work to make real change with clean energy.



Reagan Flewelling was an officer for Wildcat Ambassadors and acted as treasurer for the 7-Ups for three years. Her hospitable nature was a good fit for Wildcat Ambassadors

where she provided welcoming activities to students and others who may be unfamiliar with the school. She may have been most known for her voice because she was the official voice of the morning announcements for four years. Reagan dipped her toe into the athletics arena by running cross country for a year. She likes skiing, skateboarding and studying cultures and languages. She studied French at Owen J. Roberts and self-studied Russian. She will remember OJRHS for caring teachers and rigorous academics with plenty of opportunities in various Advanced Placement courses. But as much as she has loved the challenging curriculum, she felt that programs in the Arts may have best prepared her for her next phase in life. She was thankful for the opportunity to perform in Owen J. Roberts' musicals and plays and will always remember the 7-Ups show choir taking the national stage at Hershey Park's Music in the Parks. Reagan has worked with SALT Performing Arts, the Berks Opera Company, The Barley Sheaf Players,

Steel River Playhouse, and People's Light. You many have seen her at Owen J. Roberts as Alice in You Can't Take It With You, and Mrs. Meers in Thoroughly Modern Millie.

Reagan will attend James Madison University in the International Affairs Honors Program. She chose James Madison as a way to combine intercultural and multilingual education and plans to study abroad in Russia. She hopes to keep singing and will look for opportunities to do so at James Madison.



Conrad Sager has been interested in theater arts since he was about four years of age and began performing seriously at the age of nine. At Owen J. Roberts, Conrad was

part of choir, 7-Ups, concert choir, and president and director of The Naturals a cappella group. His musical achievements include All-State Choir, All-Eastern Choir, and All-National Choir. He was a Wildcat Ambassador and was class president his freshman and sophomore years. While music programs at Owen J. Roberts were a huge part of Conrad's musical opportunities, he also trained at The Rock School West and with programs at the Boston Conservatory, Broadway Artists Alliance, and Joffrey Ballet School. Conrad took advantage of blended opportunities for online learning to allow for three to five hours each day to train and practice voice and dance. You may remember Conrad as Trevor Graydon in Thoroughly Modern Millie, Seymour in Little Shop of Horrors, and Andy in 42nd Street, and the charming Prince Topher in Cinderella. He has performed with many local theaters and is a member of the Actors' Equity Association.

Conrad, a National Merit Semifinalist, was also passionate about academic pursuits appreciating rigorous classes and graduating as Salutatorian of his class. Conrad is thrilled to study Music, Theatre and Dance at the University of Michigan this fall. Keep an eye out for Conrad as he works his way toward Broadway.



Ciera McFarland was president and co-chief editor of the school newspaper, The Gavel. She was also part of Junior Classical League, National Honor Society,

World Language Honor Society and participated in three school musicals as well as the middle school's production of Oliver!. She will especially remember her involvement in the musical Cinderella, "The camaraderie between the cast was fantastic, and I was so privileged to be part of such a talented group coming together to make something unforgettable." A third-degree black belt in Karate, Ciera loves writing fiction and has been working toward completing a novel. She sees the Class of 2017 as being innovative and understanding

of diversity. She offered, "We did not grow up with an iPad in our hands... so we appreciate technology but also know how to adapt without it... possibly leading to a sense of increased ingenuity in us." Ciera credits her AP Physics C class for helping her prepare for a career in aerospace engineering. Outside of school, for the past ten years, Ciera has helped with the Pottstown Soap Box Derby Challenge Race, an event that allows special needs children to experience soap box derby racing. Ciera will be attending Penn State University in the fall as a member of the Millennium Scholars Program, a program with a goal of improving diversity in STEM, as well as increasing the amount of people with Master's degrees and PhD's in STEM.



Cheyenne Hails said she "lived in the music wing" of the high school. She practices singing a minimum of two hours per day. "But reality is, I

am always singing," said Cheyenne. Cheyenne is a member of The Naturals a cappella group, the 7-ups, Concert Choir, and PMEA District and Region Choir. She was a student of Julie Eurillo's Studio of Music, and she participated in master voice classes and many singing competitions. She loves performing and some of her favorite roles include Millie Dillmount in Thoroughly Modern Millie, Gertrude McFuzz in Suessical, Éponine in Les Misérables, and Helen Keller in The Miracle Worker. She was last seen on stage at Owen J. as Ella in Roger's and Hammerstein's Cinderella. Cheyenne was involved with Red Corner Benefit, a non-profit charity dedicated to raising funds and awareness for local children battling cancer. The annual Benefit consists of live music and festival activities. Cheyenne wrote and produced a play, House of the Rising Sun, for last year's Red Corner event. She credits teachers and the writing programs at Owen J. Roberts for giving her confidence in her skills as a writer. Cheyenne's wanted desperately to study with the Conservatory of Performing Arts at Point Park University and she was thrilled to be selected to be one of just 28 students from thousands of applicants. Her dream is to pursue musical theatre as a career and we will watch for her on big stages in the future.



Joey Skonieczny helped to start a vibrant Young Life youth group ministry in our area. The group of about 50 teens met weekly, did community service, trips,

and fundraisers. His favorite activities were skiing and baseball, playing first base for the Wildcats and achieving a .340 batting average. He believes baseball and the friends he met at Owen J. Roberts will always be among his fondest memories. He especially loved going to sporting events and cheering in the Cat Pack. Joe said he lives to clown around and make people

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laugh, but he was serious about his studies taking Advanced Placement Biology, Comparative Government, and Economics. He has worked jobs at Westlake Tree Farms, Laurel Locks Farms, and Bravo Pizza. Joey cannot wait to widen his web of friends while studying Biochemistry at West Virginia University. Following his undergraduate study, he plans to go to dental school.



As secretary of the National Art Honor Society, **Allison Brunton** could be found painting faces or making crafts with children at many district events. Ally

was also involved with National Honor Society, World Language Honor Society, and National Science Honor Society. She was a dedicated and accomplished runner, helping Wildcat teams earn several titles while acting as team captain for both the Cross Country and Track and Field Teams. With running, Ally learned many lessons, including how to conquer fear, learn from mistakes, and overcome injury. Athletics also gave her a curiosity for rehabilitation science, and an Anatomy class confirmed her interest. She will extend her running career with both track and cross country for the University of Pittsburgh Panthers while she studies Health and Rehabilitation Science.

Allison is proud to be part of the Class of 2017, who she reports, “has some of the most talented athletes in the state, with PAC titles and state medals from

many different sports. We have many talented artists, who create detailed and unique paintings, sculptures, ceramic pieces, and more. We have musicians and theater performers who have practiced for hours in order to put on impressive, memorable shows. The manifold talents of the Class of 2017 show the dedication and fortitude of these students, which allows this class to stand out among many other graduating classes.” Ally was also part of the Young Life organization, which gave her an outlet for community service.



Michael Deviney is truly grateful for being given the opportunity to attend and learn from so many great mentors at Owen J Roberts. These many

people as well as those from his previous school, St. Aloysius, have taught him life lessons that helped him academically, athletically, and spiritually. He always kept a positive attitude while facing obstacles with a smile. He spent his summers playing baseball daily and took part of the Owen J. Roberts Varsity Baseball and Cross Country Teams. He worked tirelessly to overcome an injury that cost him his cross country and baseball seasons during his junior year. He likes to support Philadelphia sports teams and play pickup games such as football, basketball, golf, and more with his friends. He also participated in local youth groups, Young Life and CYO, with his friends. He will never forget all the experiences he had with the

cross country team making it back to run Districts after five months of ACL reconstructive surgery. He also will never forget having fun with his friends before and after meets and social gatherings. Michael has consistently received honors throughout his high school tenure. He was awarded the 7th Congressional District of Pennsylvania Scholar-Athlete Award. He has a wide range of academic interests and has enrolled in Ithaca College where he will play baseball and become a dedicated student-athlete.



Lexi Gentry transferred to Owen J. Roberts High School after her sophomore year and was happy to have increased options for challenging classes such as AP Physics C and

Architecture Engineering class. She liked giving back to the community and found outlets to do so in Anchor Club and the National Honors Society. As secretary for the Anchor Club, she helped plan events such as the Senior Citizens Tea, REA Safe Trick-or-Treat night and volunteering at the Coventry Food Pantry. Lexi worked as cashier at the Pottstown Autowash and Detail Center where she enjoyed meeting many people of the community.

When Lexi looks back on her high school experience, she will remember how much support she was given as she worked through a battle with Hodgkin's Lymphoma. She remained dedicated to her studies and activities throughout her treatment, determined

to graduate on time and cancer free. She feels proud to be part of a class of learners who value education as the key to success. She is also happy to live in a time where technology allows access to information and can give life to ideas. Lexi “loves to draw and design houses on a CADD-generated program” in her spare time. The Architecture Engineering class with Mr. Crowl helped her develop that passion into a strong career interest. Lexi will be attending Drexel University in the fall, majoring in Architecture. She was drawn to Drexel's two-plus-four program which will allow her to be a full-time student for the first two years and then intern with different architectural firms the remaining four years.



Outside of school, **Grace Chamberlain** likes to draw and paint. A talented artist, she was a member of National Art Honor Society, National Honor

Society, World Language Honor Society, and National Science Honor Society. She was an active member of the Leo Club service group and a guidance office assistant who liked to “help others achieve”. She claimed that Leo Club made “community service real”. Helping new students feel comfortable, she acted as an officer for Wildcat Ambassadors. She reported going to many different schools and only started at Owen J. Roberts in grade 9. When she looked at the school, she especially appreciated the sense of pride and the ability to select from many rigorous classes. During her high school years, she felt

Will Serve



A number of graduates of the Class of 2017 committed to protect our country by joining the armed forces after graduation. Tyler Albano - United States Army, Branden Gould - PA Army National Guard, Stephanie Heighton - United States Army, Natasha A. Klosinski - United States Air Force, Matthew Magee - United States Marine Corps, Ryan Martin - United States Marine Corps, Molly Ortlip - PA Army National Guard, Jakob Stuber - United States Coast Guard, and Joseph Taylor - PA Army National Guard, were recognized at the Owen J. Roberts Board of School Directors Regular Business Meeting on Monday, May 22. The Board and audience gave the students a standing ovation. Pictured above are many of those students on graduation day as they said “farewell for now” to Master Gunnery Sergeant Andrew Worley.

Civil War Days



Eighth grade middle school students were immersed in the annual “Civil War Days” coinciding with Memorial Day. Prior to viewing the movie “Gettysburg”, students took part in different presentations by living historians/re-enactors including a surgeon who performed a mock amputation on a student chosen from the audience. Students learned that combating disease and treating the legions of wounded soldiers pushed Americans to rethink their theories on health and develop efficient practices to care for the sick and wounded. “Doc” displayed many of the medical tools used and spoke to the lack of sanitation and medical knowledge of the time. Another presenter engaged students in figuring out the many layers involved in women's Civil War era garments.

supported by “amazing teachers” and well supplied with tools she needed to learn and succeed. She found her graduating class to be good decision makers, supportive, and smart about “more than just academics”. Grace was on the Track and Field team and felt that involvement in athletics was an important part of developing teamwork and leadership skills. She hopes her Advanced Placement Biology course will give her a boost in her Ecology Studies at Susquehanna University. She loves animals, but after volunteering at a vet clinic decided the job was often too sad. Her dream job would be to run a rescue rehab for animals.

Julia Wergeland worked hard outside of school, sometimes clocking up to 30 hours per week delivering pizza for Papa Johns and working at Redner’s Markets. That did not stop her from taking rigorous advance placement (AP) courses. She will get credits for nine AP courses at Penn State, where she will major in Nuclear Engineering. Julia was an AP Scholar of Distinction who began thinking about vocation even before entering high school. Vocational assessments showed that the bio-medical field might be a good fit but when she didn’t enjoy Biology, she began refining her interests and discovered a draw toward working in the clean energy field. Julia was a member of NJROTC for three years, a National Honor Society student, and a member of Junior Classical League. She said the Class of 2017 was “humbly intelligent” and specified that leaders did not direct through “ego”. She always felt supported and spoke highly of the student assistant services available. She had co-workers who were students from surrounding districts, and she always felt proud to have so many academic opportunities at Owen J., especially in relation to the breadth of advanced STEAM

(Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) courses. The Introduction to Engineering course was a game changer for how she began to think about her future. Julia is excited to be on her own and not afraid to put her abilities to the test.



Nicholas Duliakas likes hunting, fishing, building things, and tinkering with his dad. He appreciates physical conditioning and played football and rugby, but his

successes with the sport of wrestling, both with a team and as an individual, ultimately helped him understand that the true value of athletics come from the rewards of being part of a team. When reflecting on athletics, he felt that some of the time he just “went through the motions”, but his team never gave up on him. Together, the 2017 wrestling team went on to special accomplishments including winning the PAC Conference Championship. Many wrestlers advanced to regionals with five qualifying for states. “We went to states as underdogs and created great moments and memories together,” said Nicholas, “It was an important character lesson for me to feel part of something special.”

Nicholas appreciated the challenge of academics at OJR High School, feeling confident in the skills he acquired there. A hands-on learner, he also studied Sustainable Energy Engineering at the Technical College High School at Pickering part-time and “loves knowing a trade”. Nicholas

is excited to attend Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology where he will be part of the Division Three Football and Wrestling teams. He hopes to gain an Electrical Apprenticeship and become a skilled electrician. Ultimately, Nicholas wants to continue hands-on work in construction management.



Chris Patterson exuded laser focus about his future. He studied Culinary Arts full, then part time, at Technical College High School (TCHS) at

Pickering which led to a co-op chef job through Sodexo at Vanguard. He is regimented with his own diet and interested in nutrition and fitness. Chris first became interested in cooking through Triskeles Foundation’s youth outreach programs. For five years, in Triskeles’ Food for Thought program, Chris was exposed to organic farming, cooking, and business classes where he attained job readiness abilities and learned skills needed to live a healthy life. Chris felt supported by encouraging teachers at Owen J. Roberts and TCHS. He appreciated academic opportunities at OJR, but says that he “saw it late”. He considers himself to be entrepreneurial and has already invested with work peers on an internet product brokerage opportunity. Chris plans to continue his job at Vanguard while attending community college. He has aspirations to become an EMT or learn another skill where he can help people. Eventually, he wants to study Biomedical Engineering.



Emma Russek transferred to Owen J. Roberts High School from a smaller school and found the OJRHS environment an easy place to make friends. She was

involved in rowing, theater, and film production. It was through her involvement Greenfield Youth Film Festival and an award-winning student film titled “Super Ego” that she found community and secured an interest in film acting. Emma explained that she needed to be a quick study to succeed and collaborate with her Film Production class peers, many of whom had benefited from multiple film production courses at Owen J. Roberts. She appreciated working collaboratively and also liked the ownership aspect of film projects. “You have the creative license to do what you want, but there is a timeline and a final project you are accountable for,” she said. “It is rewarding to work with a team to create a final product. You learn to water constructive criticism and take advantage of individual skill sets.” Emma was happy to have won Best Actress at the Owen J. Roberts Film Festival this year. She was involved with Steel River Playhouse and helped at their youth camps. She will study theater and communications at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Her ultimate goal would be to move to Los Angeles to become an actress. She also has an interest in teaching acting. In her spare time, Emma boxes at a studio in Exton.

Shoes with Purpose

In an effort to bring higher levels of awareness to students of ALL abilities, the Chester County Intermediate Unit (CCIU) partnered with schools so that students might participate in a fun, artistic challenge. In honor of Disability Awareness Month, the CCIU held a TOMS® shoe design contest.

Mr. Tom Sonnenberg, art teacher at North Coventry Elementary School, worked with students to encourage them to design a pair of TOMS® canvas shoes that represents the awareness, acceptance, and celebration of persons of all abilities. Each school participating in the contest was able to move forward one top design to the CCIU for placement in an online contest. About 20 designs were featured in the final round. North Coventry sixth grade student, Kaylee Uba, won the county-wide contest. Her design was brought to life by artist Kelsy Amy, a custom shoe painter (<http://www.shmecustoms.com/>). Officials from the CCIU surprised Kaylee with the final product at the May 22 school board meeting.



Jazz Band Performs at Knoebel’s

The OJR Jazz band was the feature entertainer for the third year in a row at Knoebels on Saturday, June 3. It was a spectacularly beautiful, sunny day and the band inspired people of all ages to get up and dance. The final performance for senior band members was emotional. So many powerful bonds are formed when a group of musicians performs together. Best wishes to all Class of 2017 musicians. May they continue to find cohesion and cooperation in future musical endeavors.



Class of 2017: Destinations

Albright College: Austin James Demech, Quinlan J. Poley

Alvernia University: Nicole MacMullin

American University: Kathryn A. Esterly

Arcadia University: Joshua Brian Fulmer, Grace Murray

Auburn University: Austin Koury, Cassandra R. Marks

Bloomsburg University: Mikayla S. Caruso, Mackenzie Kristine Davis, Austin C. Kerley, Haley Anne Leimbach, Jeremy M. Sullivan, Sarah S. Davis, Brittney Dellaquila, Anna M. Dempsey, Kartikya Jalota, Jake R. Vondercrone

Boston College: Peter Vincent Sagona, Emily F. Haverstick, Isabelle C. Edgecliffe-Johnson

Bridgewater State University: Joseph M. Mace

Bryn Mawr College: Claire Hampton

Cabrini University: Anna E. Bauer, Sydney Elizabeth Cousens

Cape Fear Community College: Jesse Smith

Carnegie Mellon University: Maya Greenholt

Central Penn College: Christina June Fatula

Clarion University: Ryan N. Moser

Clemson University: Caroline M. Hall

College of St. Elizabeth: Taurean Alexander Lee

Coastal Carolina University: Leanne N. Faust

Cornell University: Eric Hughes

Delaware County Community College: Elliot Andrews, Emily Ann Flamino, John Ferrara, David M. Gottshall, Maxwell Willis

Delaware Valley University: Calvin M. Endy

Dickinson College: Ashley Jeanette Heighton

Drexel University: David Mark Bicer, Mary A. Donnelly, Rowen N. Donnelly, Alexis Dionna Gentry, Owen Elias Gift, Marissa Henry, Alexis Mastrangelo, Julie McLaughlin, Matthew Jeffrey Rantz, Ethan R. Selvaggio, Benjamin Weldon

East Stroudsburg University: Eric Levan

Eastern University: Katelyn Elizabeth Bernotas

Eckerd College: Amber E. Konarski

Elizabethtown College: Andrew Fisher, Michael A. Giandonato, Lindsay R. Parsons, Scott Tevis

Fairfield University: Morgan Hansen

Fashion Institute of Technology: Fallon Greer Fiel

Florida Atlantic University: Sean N. Barone

Fordham University Lincoln Center: Isabella Antonia DiStefano

Geneva College: Gabriel Willis

Goldey Beacom College: Sierra J. Weil

Grove City College: Nicole Amstutz

Gwynedd Mercy University: Emily Shaheen

Harcum College: Ethan John Sterner

Harrisburg University of Science & Technology: Ryan E. Smith

Hawaii Pacific University: Erin Faith Healy

Hofstra University: Savina Divine, Sevon D. McLean

Indiana University of Pennsylvania: Lexi Rae Banninger, Sarah Dougherty, Angela

Feiser, Emma Louise Russek

Ithaca College: Michael Sean Deviney

James Madison University: Reagan L. Flewelling

Johnson & Wales University: Marissa Lynne Hart, Zachariah Sutton

Juniata College: Logan S. Storti

Kent State University: Kelsey Joyce Armstrong

King’s College: Dariel A. Velez Rodriguez

Kutztown University: Madysen Gabrielle Alvaro, Cassia Brynn Duske, Benjamin Todd Kerchner, Sara Maholland, Alexis Maree McColgan, Katherine S. McGrath, Alexander Daniel Mento, Alexandria L. Moore, Taylor Peronteau, Brandon. C. Rennie, Ashley Marie Tammany

La Salle University: Sydney R. Drumheller, John O’Donnell

Lebanon Valley College: Alyssa Cucchiara, Marjorie Mary O’Neill

Lees-McRae College: Dagny Bloom Palmer

Lehigh University: Luke Resnick

Manhattan College: Francesca Carroll

Messiah College: Melissa Louise Farnsworth

Military - U.S. Army: Tyler Joseph Albano, Stephanie Heighton

Military - U.S. Air Force: Natasha A. Klosinski

Military - U.S. Marine Corps: Matthew Magee, Ryan Martin

Military - PA Army National Guard: Molly Ortlip, Joseph Taylor

Military - U.S. Coast Guard: Jakob Stuber, Bailey Watson

Millersville University: Kristen Elise

Cornell, Samantha L. Kress, Brandon J. Miller, Caitlyn Marie Mullins, Victoria Nonamaker, Hannah N. Stauffer, Allison L. Tarr, Madisen A. Wingert

Milwaukee School of Engineering: Sarah Margaret Fogwell

Misericordia University: Brian Michael Siket

Monmouth University: Savanna R. Sachar, Cole Joseph Tomko

Montgomery County Community College - Blue Bell: Alejandro Acosta, Islam Wael Ahmed, Amanda Grajales, Anna B. Lavelle, Mikayla Joy McLeod, Christian Patterson, Zachary James Shepker, Laura Zulker

Montgomery County Community College - Pottstown: Ciara Marie Adams, Rose Bechtle, Nicole T. Boaman, Lydia Antonina Calamaro, Xavier Michael Campbell, Robert Anthony DiLullo, Susan Favinger, Hannah Elizabeth Foster, Avery Elise Fry, Liana Caterina Gilleland, Richard Lee Golden, Alexis David Navarro Gonzalez, Branden Noah Gould*, Kaitlyn Joy Haines, Grant G. Jackson, Diana K. Justo, Alyssa A. Lingenfelter, Nicholas Allen Malcom, Matthew McLaughlin, Linda Mintzer, Devin Alon Moon, Jacquelyn Elise O’Brien, John Pascucci, Morgan Loar Rogers, Ian C. Schaeffer, Ryan Shiposki, Lillian R. Smith, Elizabeth Stark, Kegan Steed, Hailey C. Stock, Channolin Sweeney, Madison Paige Szilli, Alyssa Reid Tajanlangit, Rebecca Torrens, Luke Oleg Warner, Christopher DeSean Williams, Jozlyn Maria Yeager, Dominic Austin Young

Mount Saint Mary’s University: William Christopher Cobb

Munroe Community College: Sebastien M. Caron

MS STEAM Celebration

STEAM Day 2017 was envisioned as a celebration of science, technology, engineering, arts, and math. Most of the day and its feature events were conceptualized, created, and run by middle school students under the direction of Mrs. Stacia Bickell.



The STEAM Careers Room was one of the several features of the day. In the Careers Room, local professionals who work in the fields of science, technology, engineering, arts or math volunteered their time and talents to interact with students. Beyond exploring careers in STEAM, students were able to explore learning stations set up in the lobby and gymnasium. The High Tech Lobby featured digital arts stations and student technology projects. In that area, students could participate in an Estimation 180 station. Estimation180.com offers daily estimation puzzles that build “number sense”. Other projects included stunning virtual reality and digital music compositions. The Interactive Space was held in the gymnasium and featured high school students running experiments, an Escape the Room feature, hands-on engineering stations, and Mrs. Duffy’s STEAM Art, which featured four unique and exciting connections between the arts and science and technology. A clay animation studio was a popular part of the STEAM art learning station. The high school Science National Honor Society offered hands-on instruction on constructing a DNA model made of gummy candy. In addition, Mrs. Armstrong’s students ran a station about paper engineering in which students could make their own pop-up cards. STEAM Day also featured a special visit from a local company, Video Ray, who demonstrated their unique invention in the pool for selected groups of students.

Odyssey of the Mind

On May 26-27, in East Lansing, Michigan, five teams of students from Owen J. Roberts competed in the world finals of creative problem solving at Michigan State University. All competing students worked hard in preparation for representing the district in this competition, and all teams ranked highly, with the French Creek Elementary Team placing in third place out of a field of 54 teams from the United States, China, Poland, Singapore and Mexico.



The French Creek team’s long-term problem, “Odd-a-bot” required them to design, build and operate an original robot that displays human characteristics and learns to do household chores by watching others, ultimately with humorous results. The team developed a story about a time-traveling mechanical robot named Oddy who finds himself with a family at Roanoke in 1587. By watching the children, Oddy learns to dust, drum, stir, and clap--each movement the result of a different mechanical device --then uses the movements in unexpected, funny ways. After completing all the tasks, Oddy is able to send a signal to “Doc Beige” who arrives to bring him “Back to the Future”. As the Roanokians should not know about technology like Oddy, Doc decides the colonial inhabitants should return to the future with him thus solving the 400 year-old mystery of the “Lost Colony of Roanoke.”

All Odyssey of the Mind solutions require students to perform, not just the sciences, but the arts as well, whether it be set-building, costume-making, creating props, acting, singing, or playing an instrument.

Neumann University: Danielle Nicole Gadebusch	Philadelphia University: Alexander D. Fonder, Victoria A. Rivkin, Hannah Tobinus	Stonebraker, William Venza,	Piper Renee Allen
New England College: John Capaldo	Point Park University: Cheyenne C. Hails	Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology: Nicholas A. Duliakas, Brett Lee Foulds	University of the Arts: Paige Lynne Gallagher
North Carolina State University: Ryan M. Bowker, Emma Leigh Hagen	Purdue University: Alyssa M. Gardiner, Adam Stanley Gorrell	The University of Arizona: Hannah M. Morris	University of Northwestern Ohio: Joseph Michael Moore
Northeastern University: Emily Ann Stoner	Quinnipiac University: Kathryn Schall	University of Advancing Technology: Emmett Michael Rohrbough	Ursinus College: Harley Contessa Dunlap, Robert J. Walker
Nova Southeastern University: Laurel Ann Fink	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute: Nolan Tanner Smith	University of Colorado Boulder: Paul Andrew Siana	Villanova University: Austin Robert Bergstresser, Justin Gabriel Cervi
PA College of Health Sciences: Samantha Memphis Przyborowski, Penn Foster, Geena B. Brown	Robert Morris University: Mia Alayna Tornetta	University of Delaware: Sydney Baker, Noah Calle, Emily D. Hansell, Meghan Quigley, Abigail M. Quinn, Courtney Zubey,	West Chester University: Courtlyn R. Bliss, Tristen Bono, Trevor David Budd, Lily J. Cremers, Charles Davidson, Lauren K. Edleman, Kiernan M. Gallagher, Felicia M. Green, Hallie E. Greenawald, Benjamin Knox, Sydney Grace Kurtz, Mackenzy M. Luckowski, Elizabeth Helen Pniewski, Michel Philippe Provini, Rachel Sharpe, Kyle Surette, Joseph P. Taylor, Noah L. Volgger, Hannah E. Walker
Penn State University - Altoona: Thomas Opitz	Rochester Institute of Technology: Samantha Kerryn Kuchler, Hayley S. Tracewell	University of Maryland: Evan A. Massa	West Virginia University: Edward J. Skonieczny, Griffin Todd Gerber, Douglass F. Sbei, Brielle Nicole Thompson
Penn State University - Berks: Markos Avgerinos, Leonard M. Bartelmo, Liam Cooper, Charles F. Haeberlein, William Kranich, Jake Maher, Ryan J. Manini, Cameron J. McCollum, Tyler Timothy Scowden, Brianna Smith, Hunter Dennis Storti, Justin D. Torbet, Michael J. Umstead	Saint Francis University: Brandon Taylor Ott	University of Miami: Ethan Michael Sager	Western Michigan University: Jacob David Krueger
Penn State University - Harrisburg: Sharai Lenel Taylor	Saint Joseph's University: Mark C. Amadio, Anna Keppel	University of Michigan: Conrad David Sager	Wilson College: Natalie Nicole Peak
Penn State University - University Park: Dean Ambrogio, Allison K. Bevevino, Matthew M. Biedronski, Jayna Michelle Bowman, Jacob Buckwalter, Steven W. Constable, Daniel Abraham Gerhart, Stephanie Patricia Heighton, Ryan P. Kelly, Matthew Lewis, Ciera Quinn McFarland, Conor Murray, Stephanie O'Connor, Boney Khushpin Patel, Ryan James Peckheiser, Gabrielle Margaret Rovito, Isabella Mae Rovito, Samuel Wilson Rovito, Aaron R. Semach, Kelly Crane Townsend, Stephen Waskiw, Julia R. Wergeland	San Diego State University: Rebecca Ambrose, Claudia Lynn Schneider	University of New Haven: Karlie A. Kasznay	Wingate University: Meredith Lee
Pennsylvania College of Technology: Daniel James Mowrer, Kyle A. Schell	Seton Hall University: Julia L. Hallman	University of Pittsburgh: Madeline Albaugh, Allison E. Brunton, Hayley Elisabeth DeLong, Matthew Dinan, Camryn Schofield Gelting, Camryn Glenn, Sargam Kharbanda, Jane Lasak, Jason W. Long, Raya Pezzillo, Anna Li Stollman	Worcester Polytechnic Institute: Jacob E. Hanning
	Shippensburg University: Samantha Kaitlyn Ackerman, Parker John Bispels, Seth J. Brovey, Justan Anthony Gennaro, Mason Alexander Kent, Kristina Leigh Otte, Madelyn Parr, Monal Mahesh Patel, Kelsey E. Phillips, Zachary J. Place, Rachel Scull, Courtney Thomson, Alicia Chanel Washington	University of Pittsburgh - Johnstown: Jonathan David Elphinstone, Eric Lobb	York College of Pennsylvania: Chantrea J. Lilly, Adam T. Mirabile
	Slippery Rock University: Ashley Eaches	University of South Carolina: Jacqueline Ferrara	Youngstown State University: Teneisha M. Myers
	Susquehanna University: Grace Emerson Chamberlain, Caitlin Lian Daly, Emily Nicole LaGreca, Nicholas C. Pufko, Mason R. Schaffer	University of St. Andrews - Scotland: Natalie Hopwood	YTI Career Institute: Sophia Isabel Eckman
	Syracuse University: Megan M. McGee	University of Tampa: Darby J. Gallagher: Nicole Augusta Pollitz	*Pennsylvania National Guard
	Temple University: Dylan Thomas Bui, Brandon Lafayette Carney, Benjamin P. Hakun, Colin C. Hansen, Shane R. Keyes, Julia E. King, Felicity G. Layton, Jordyn L. Marburger, Tyler Ray Paul, Tyler B.	University of Tennessee at Chattanooga: Ryan Resnick	
		University of Texas at Arlington: Kristen	

Student-reported list compiled May 2017

Promotion

East Vincent Elementary School promoted the first Grade 6 class in the new school building. At the culminating celebration, many students spoke of making the adjustment to the new building and how they will feel somewhat more prepared for another transition to the Middle School having one building transition under their belts. Principal Dr. Cheryl Bell informed students that their upcoming opportunity to enjoy the wonderful Middle School facilities had once meant that middle level students sacrificed time in that building in order for a major remodel to occur. East Vincent students will be among the benefactors of that sacrifice just as underclassmen at East Vincent will be benefactors for this class’ sacrifice in years to come.



Principal Bell commented on the growth of each student, “At East Vincent Elementary School, we strive every day to stress the importance of developing all students in terms of the ‘whole child’ in order to ready them for the ‘next steps’. Building

character and building relationships have been explicitly taught and modeled, as we believe that for all of you to reach your fullest potential academically, we also need to address the social and emotional aspects of your development. We have stressed

to you the importance of doing what is right, particularly when no one is watching, as character development must become intrinsic and developing good character is necessary at all ages and in all aspects of your life.”

Mural Art

It started with a blank wall and a vision. With support from Owen J. Roberts Education Foundation and Friends of the Arts, art teacher, Allison Beaver, worked with Downingtown artist Jeff Schaller, on a way to represent student “growth” in a mural. Mr. Schaller brainstormed with the 6th grade students on memorable moments from their time at West Vincent Elementary School through the years. The resulting mural is an image that represents an experience from each grade level at West Vincent. The 6th grade students all met with Mr. Jeff for two sessions on the actual production of the mural, and the current fifth graders met with him for one session to produce the mural.



Collaboration and Learning

The elementary gifted program held their 6th annual STEAM Day at the high school on Wednesday, May 17. The event has expanded to include guest speakers and spontaneous challenges to promote collaboration and higher level thinking skills.

During the STEAM Day rotation centers, the students participated in an immersive Breakout EDU challenge. Students worked collaboratively to solve a series of critical thinking puzzles with the future scenario that the Earth was in danger. Teams of eight students were challenged to solve science-related riddles and puzzles to open various locks on boxes that held the “cure” to save the world.

Peer project sharing was a big part of the day showcasing some winning projects from county and state competitions from the school year and including parent visitation. Students enjoyed tinkering with many different eco-friendly amusement

park rides from the Chester County Intermediate Unit STEM Design Challenge competition. Several students created Travel Logs on their iPads to share information about foreign countries. LEGO robots, including a puppy, performed complicated tasks. One group developed their own Breakout Box with clues to release five types of locks and save a magical creature. Other projects showcased computer coding, Robotics, student-created webpages, presentations in Google slides, sample news team broadcasts, and virtual reality experiences through Google cardboard.

Guest speakers included Ky and Lisa Koitzsch, wildlife biologists who work in Yellowstone National Park. They described their work tracking, collaring, and researching the eleven wolf packs living in the park. Students learned about several studies including month-long winter studies tracking



wolves and their prey to learn about predation. Christopher Bove, a 2013 Salutatorian of Owen J. Roberts High School, recently graduated from Worcester Polytechnic Institute with a robotics engineering degree and is now working towards his master’s degree. Christopher spoke to students about his extensive work with robots through summer internships at The Massachusetts Institute of Technology

and through the DARPA Grand Challenge of autonomous vehicles. Christopher shared his experiences with modern technology and his involvement with the design, testing, and manufacturing of specific robots. The day provided a space where students from all Owen J. elementary schools could collaborate, innovate and learn.

CHOP Donations

In honor of Dylan Spriggs, a large collection of new arts and craft supplies were collected by the East Coventry community. The items were donated to the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. Led by kindergarten teacher Meredith Gallo, the collection of materials will be used at the hospital by children who are receiving treatments and care. The hospital staff was amazed at the large quantity of donated items that filled a district van. Assisting in the collection and delivery was the East Coventry student adviser, Mrs. Boukalik, along with several student council representatives. Dylan Spriggs, a former East Coventry kindergarten student, passed away from Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG), a rare brain cancer, last summer.



Go Wildcats!

Noted Accomplishments in Athletics and Other Arenas



Congratulations to the following high school **DECA students** for competing in the DECA International Competition: Jonathan Ardit, Heidi Joyce, Jackson Braun, Katie Kerlin, Julia Brennan, Austin Koury, Laura Brigandi, Matt Lewis, Liam Conway *, Claudia Schneider, Jillian Dracup, Holden Smith, Dan Duffy *, Emily Stoner, Mia Flavin, Sarah Tabatabaei, Lucas Gray *, Courtney Thomson, Olivia Harmanos, Jennifer Weston, Emily Haverstick, Madeline Zarkoski

*Finished in Top 10 at the International Competition

Congratulations to the High School **Boys Tennis PAC Doubles** Champions Brandon Miller and Holden Smith. Congratulations to Holden Smith for his PAC Singles Championship.

Congratulations to the High School **Girls Lacrosse Team** for winning the PAC Championship: Rachel Arp, Ryleigh Kqira, Laura Brigandi, Shelley Kriczky, Kylie Cahill, Lillian Kull, Rory Cahill, Sydney Kurtz, Francesca Carroll, Julia Lamb, Anna Dempsey, Charlotte Lasak, Natalie Distefano, Anna Lavelle, Sydney Drumheller, Olivia LeClaire, Molly Fedick, Haley Livingston, Elioise Gebert, Megan McGee,

Annemarie Giandonato, Cassandra Messinger, Caroline Hall, Cassandra Micklesavage, Claire Hampton, Sophia Murray, Deprise Hoopes, Veronica Roach, Cayden Jarvis, Rachel Sharpe, Kelsey Kilgallon, Danika Swech, Madeline Koury, Mia Tornetta

Congratulations to the High School **Girls Track & Field Team** for winning the PAC Championship: Annaliese Ackerman, Carly Jennion, Paige Aldred, Heidi Joyce, Madysen Alvaro, Emma Kircher, Marianna Ambrogi, Kennedy Kollar, Katelyn Bernotas, Hannah Kopec, Mary Bernotas, Mackenzie Kurtz, Brinley Beveridge, Lindsey LaFountain, Paige Biedronski, Taylor LaFountain, Elizabeth Braaksma, Jane Lasak, Allison Brunton, Charley Lustig, Winona Burley-Desir, Kylee MacLeod, Juliana Capece, Zaria McDonough, Haley Cargo, Meghan McLean, Alexis Carr, Kendall McNeff, Grace Chamberlain, Kenzie Milne, Shaylan Cobb, Jordan Mulford, Erin Cooper, Samantha Muntzer, Mackenzie Davis, Teneisha Myers, Rowen Donnelly, Mikayla Niness, Angela Feiser, Melissa Orr, Corrin Ferrizzi, Hannah Pugh, Emily Flamino, Ava Resnick, Olivia Foden, Carly Resnick, Linette Fogwell, Caterina Rigobianco, Mary Fogwell, Isabella Rovito, Delaney Frederick, Emily Sabatino, Madeline Friel,

Savanna Sachar, Josephine Funaro, Autumn Sands, Madison Gadzicki, Avery Sapp, Bridget Gallagher, Isabella Shakour, Mary Gautreau, Morgan Shronk, Grace German, Cassidy Skilton, Alexis Getley, Sarah Tabatabaei, Alexandra Glasier, Gabrielle Tamburro, Emily Hansell, Sharai Taylor, Olivia Harmanos, Emma Torak, Stephanie Heighton, Lily Wagner, Erica Hild, Lena Weinstein, Lauren Hughes, Lea Wunderlich, Bailey Hun

Congratulations to **Track and Field Athletes** who competed in the District One Track and Field Championships at Coatesville High School: Liam Conway finished in 2nd place in the boys 1600m run. He ran 4:16.89 which qualified him for the PIAA State Track and Field meet. Ally Brunton finished in 2nd place in the girls 1600m run. She ran a new school record 5:00.44 which qualified her for the PIAA State Track and Field meet; Mary Bernotas finished in 7th place in the girls 1600m run with a time of 5:04.30 which qualified her for the PIAA State Track and Field meet; Teneisha Myers finished 3rd place in the girls 200m dash. She ran 24.98 to qualify for the PIAA State Track and Field meet. Teneisha also finished 4th in the girls 400m dash. She ran 57.88 to qualify for the PIAA State Track and Field

meet; Sharai Taylor finished 5th in the Girls Javelin with a throw of 124-11 which qualified her for the PIAA State Track and Field meet; Savanna Sachar finished 3rd in the Girls Pole Vault with a jump of 10-6 which qualified her for the PIAA State Track and Field meet. Autumn Sands was a district medalist in the girls 3200m run. She finished 6th with a time of 11:12.26; Morgan Shronk was a district medalist in the girls 400m dash. She finished 6th with a time of 59.10

The **Track and Field Team** had an outstanding showing at the PIAA State championships at Shippensburg University. For the girls team: Ally Brunton won a state medal finishing 6th in the 1600m run in a new school time of 4:55.65; Teneisha Myers won a state medal finishing 5th in the 200m dash with a time of 25.28 in the final; Savann Sachar finished 19th out of 28 in Girls Pole Vault with a jump of 10-0; Sharai Taylor finished 27th in Girls Javelin with a throw of 112-0. For the Boys: Liam Conway won a state medal finishing 3rd in the 1600m run in a new school record time of 4:13.00.