

COMMENDATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS
DECEMBER, 2015

School Board

Mrs. Angela Petersen, School Board Vice President, is commended for being elected as the Chairperson of the Parkway West Career & Technology Center Joint Committee for 2016.

Boyce

On Friday, November 30, thirteen mathematicians from Boyce competed against over 400 students from the region at the Annual 5th/6th Calcu-Solve Tournament sponsored by the Allegheny Intermediate Unit and the II-IV Foundation. All three of the Boyce teams finished in the top ten with one team taking third place. Third Place Team members were Alex Todd, Keshav Narasimhan, Bear Bottonari, and Will Closser. The team was coached by Mrs. Kathy Hoedeman, Math Resource Teacher at Boyce.

Congratulations to Boyce student, Rebecca Lang, one of the winners in the first ever Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation's Holiday Card Contest. Her card will be one of eight that the Penguins will distribute this holiday season. In addition, Rebecca is also invited to attend a home Pittsburgh Penguins regular-season game this year.

High School

Congratulations to the High School Girls' Soccer Team for winning the state championship against Central Bucks East by a score of 2-1 on Saturday, November 21 at Hershey Park Stadium. Both goals for the Panthers were scored by senior Emma Hasco. This is the first PIAA AAA state championship title for the USC Girls' Soccer Team. Congratulations to Coach David Gray and the team. In addition, congratulations are extended to Emma Hasco for being chosen the Pennsylvania State Player of the Year by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

Congratulations to the following students on their audition and acceptance into PMEA Ensembles:

Honors Jazz Ensemble:

James Boston – Trumpet
David Corbin – Trumpet
Daniel Geffrey – Baritone Saxophone
Alex Wolfe – Bass
Robbie Halpner – Piano

District Choir:

Carly DeCock – Soprano
Alexa Rieger - Alto
Mariya Savinov – Alto
Zoe Rankin – Alto
Cara Ravasio – Alto
Sammy Cancilla – Tenor
Jonah Glunt – Tenor
Ben Nadler – Tenor
Kyle Warmbein – Tenor
Jacob Ross – Tenor
Chase Banton – Bass
Connor Halloran – Bass
Jack Smith – Bass

Sergeant Turk, Army Career Counselor out of South Hills, was at Upper St. Clair High School to notify Adam J. Heil and Mihir A. Gite that they were conditionally selected to receive an Army ROTC scholarship. ROTC is a demanding and challenging complement to traditional college courses. The standards for admission into this program are quite high, as the individuals who complete this training are to be ultimately entrusted with the lives of American Soldiers.

This ROTC scholarship will provide college tuition, mandatory educational fees or room and board, and an allowance for textbooks, school supplies, and required equipment.

Upon graduation, Adam and Mihir will not only have a college diploma, but will also have achieved the confidence, self-discipline, and leadership skills that come with having earned a commission as an Army Officer.

Both Adam J. Heil and Mihir A. Gite have met these high standards and are extended sincere congratulations.

On November 4, 2015 the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) announced the 10th annual Under Armour Girls High School All-America Teams. The approximate 600 nominations resulted in a combined 150 All-Americans and Honorable Mention All-Americans. Congratulations are extended to Samantha Amos, high school senior, for being named to the All American list as the country's top Right Side Hitter. Sam has committed to play collegiate volleyball at Duke.

Ft. Couch

Students from Ft. Couch Middle School participated in the annual Calcu-Solve Tournament on November 19th. The team of Katie Hobart, Braden Yates, Aleksa Rodic, and Ian Rankin come in 2nd out over 100 teams. Out of over 400 individuals, Aleksa Rodic tied for seventh place. Braden Yates and Katie Hobart both ended the regular competition with perfect scores and entered into a tiebreaker with four students from other schools. They came out victorious with Braden coming in 2nd and Katie coming in 1st.

Team coaches/facilitators are Mr. Jason O'Roark, Ms. Connie Gibson, and Mrs. Pat Palazzolo.