

COMMENDATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS  
JANUARY, 2016

**School Board**

Harry F. Kunselman was presented with the 2015 Professionalism Award at the Civil Litigation Section's Lunch with the Judges event on October 29. This prestigious award is presented annually to an attorney who exemplifies the qualities of professionalism and respect within the legal profession.

**High School**

MaxPreps recently announced that the Upper St. Clair Girl's Soccer Team has officially been named to the 11th Annual MaxPreps Soccer Tour of Champions presented by the Army National Guard.

This is one of the most prestigious team awards in all of high school sports and is an exclusive honor reserved for the top 100 teams nationwide. In order to be eligible, a team must win a state championship and be highly ranked in the MaxPreps National Rankings.

Congratulations to the following students that have been named to the Parkway West Career and Technology Center Director's List of Honor for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the 2015 - 2016 school year:

Matthew Dublin	BCT
Kody Lantz	Welding
Nikolaja Michlik	Culinary Arts
Mary Molitoris	Cosmetology III
Alyssa Perry	Health Asst. II
Anna Perry	DMM
Aidan Vopal	BCT
Connor Welch	ITE

Mr. David Watson, high school teacher and coach for the USC Speech and Debate team has achieved 1000 career coaching points, and his first Diamond Award from the National Speech & Debate Association (NSDA). Diamond coach awards reflect excellence and longevity in the activity. Coaches receive one point for every ten merit points earned by their students. Coaches who have received diamond awards during the current academic year are recognized during the Donus D. Roberts Diamond Assembly at that year's National Tournament.

Based on auditions held during the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 1 Orchestra, Steven Fontanella (first chair - trumpet) and James Boston (third chair - string bass) were selected for the 2016 Western Region State Orchestra Festival at State College High School on February 25-27.

Hosted by Ms. Sarah Shoemaker, High School/Middle School Orchestra Director/String Teacher, the annual District 1 Senior High School Orchestra Festival was held on January 7-9 in the Upper St. Clair High School Theatre.

Participants in grades 10-12 were selected for District Orchestra by audition screening or application process. Upper St. Clair orchestra students representing USC at PMEA District 1 Orchestra were:

James Boston (string bass)  
Steven Fontanella (trumpet)  
Michael Gallagher (violin)  
Matt Higgs (percussion)  
Christina Park (violin)  
Nymisha Rameswarapu (violin)  
Savannah Shaw (cello)  
Vidhi Shah (violin)

### **Boyce**

For the 28th year, the National Geographic Society held the National Geographic Bee for students in fourth through eighth grades in thousands of schools across the United States. The contest is designed to motivate students to learn about the world and how it works. The champion of the Boyce Middle School National Geography Bee was Ben Wasson. Shane Williams came in second place and Ty Lagoni in third.