

COMMENDATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS NOVEMBER, 2015

Staff

Mr. Alex Shefler, a senior member of the High School mathematics department, was nominated for and recently received the University of Chicago Outstanding Educator Award. The University of Chicago receives letters from admitted students inspired by teachers who have literally changed the course of their lives through excellent teaching and mentorship. In recognition of their profound influence, the Office of College Admissions grants the Outstanding Educator Award to teachers who have demonstrated exceptional dedication to the education and personal development of their students. Mr. Shefler was nominated for this award by a former student.

High School

The annual CalcuSolve events were held at the Soldiers and Sailors ballroom in Oakland. Ninth and tenth graders competed on Thursday, October 15, and eleventh and twelfth graders on Friday, October 16. Congratulations are extended to the 9th and 10th grade teams, including Kevin Chen, Ariana Chiu, Spencer Miller, and Abbie Wagner for winning 1st Place. Also, the following students earned perfect scores: Aditi Chattopadhyay, Kevin Chen, Zian Chen, and Sam Ding. Following an intense tie-breaker round, Sam Ding came in 2nd place in the individual level at the 9th and 10th grade competition, with the others receiving honorable mentions. Team coaches and facilitators are Ms. Connie Gibson and Mrs. Pat Palazzolo.

The Upper St. Clair High School Speech and Debate Program and its sponsor, High School Teacher, Mr. Ben Edwards have earned significant recognition by the National Speech & Debate Association. Speech and debate students earn points and degrees based on competitive and service-related activities. Mr. Edwards' team achieved 100 or more degrees ranking them among the top 10% of schools nationwide and earned membership in the Association's 100 Club.

Ft. Couch

Fort Couch gifted students competed in the regional History Bowl at the Heinz History Center on Thursday, October 29, 2015. The students completed four competitive experiences related to our region's past. The four challenges posed to the students this year were: WWII Trivia Quiz, Pittsburgh Sports Timeline, creation

of a Heinz Promotional Radio Advertisement, and answering Pittsburgh A-Z questions in the Special Collections exhibit. The Fort Couch teams claimed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in the 6th - 8th grade division. First place team members included Vivek Babu, Rohan Mishra, Ishaan Shah, and Maxwell Turnwald. Second place team members included Christian Chiu, Reshma Gudla, Patrick Joyce, and Sophia Shi. Third place team members included Jason Choi, Jack Clark, Basir Khan, and Aleksa Rodic. Congratulations to all USC participants on an impressive performance at the History Bowl.

Boyce

A team of Boyce Middle School fifth grade students came in first place in the annual History Bowl held at the Heinz History Center on October 29, 2015. The four challenges the students excelled in were a WWII Trivia Quiz, a Pittsburgh Sports Timeline, creating a Heinz Promotional Radio Advertisement, and answering Pittsburgh A-Z questions in the Special Collections exhibit. The fifth graders on the first place team are Evan Sarkett, Peer Khan, Maya Leyzarovich, and Nico Roth.

The Pittsburgh Section of the American Chemical Society sponsored an illustrated poem contest for students in grades K-12 in support of the 2015 National Chemistry Week (NCW) program. Entries were judged based upon relevance to and incorporation of the theme, word choice and imagery, colorful artwork, adherence to poem style, originality and creativity, and overall presentation. Jillian Fishell, a fifth grader at Boyce Middle School came in 2nd place and received a check for \$25 and a certificate.