

## **Superintendent's Student and Staff Accomplishments**

### **April 17, 2019**

**OOTM World Finals:** Pocono Mountain School District will be sending two teams to the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals at Michigan State University in May. Congratulations to the East High School Opposites Distract team on the team's 2<sup>nd</sup> Place finish and the West High School's Structure Toss team on the teams receipt of a Ranatra Fusca Creativity Award at the PA Odyssey of the Mind State Finals.

**T-Shirt Contest Winners:** Pocono Mountain East High School senior Joanna Kim earned 1<sup>st</sup> Place and junior Nevaeh Williams earned 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the Suicide Prevention T-shirt Contest. This was the first such contest in the county and was sponsored by the Monroe County Suicide Prevention Coalition Education Sub-Committee. The theme for the T-shirt design was "What Does Suicide Prevention Mean to Me!"

**Scholastic Scrimmage:** The Pocono Mountain East Scholastic Scrimmage team of Alex Lindenbaum, Mike Oslon, Kevin Fisher and Shawky Darwish, place 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 18 teams in the PA Regional Scholastic Scrimmage Conference held at Colonial IU-20. This was the first scholastic scrimmage trophy earned at East. The team's advisor is Melissa DeFazio, who is also a Math Teacher at the East High School.

**High Jump Record:** East High School sophomore Isabella Horvath tied the school record for High Jump with a jump of 5 feet, 3 inches. Her jump also secured a 1<sup>st</sup> Place finish for her and a team 1<sup>st</sup> Place finish at the Track and Field meet against Pleasant Valley. Isabella is a three sport athlete who participates in soccer, basketball and track and field.

**Reading Competition:** A team from the East High School earned 1<sup>st</sup> Place at the Spring Challenge Reading Competition at Easton Area High School. The competition tests each team's comprehension of 45 books throughout 3 rounds of questions. There were 20 other teams in the competition.

**State Art Exhibit:** Three student artists from the West High School have their artwork displayed in the state exhibition for junior students at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Congratulations to Aaliyah Rojas, Kevin Wilkerson, and Toni Garrett and Art teacher Mark Ciocca.

**Biology Olympics:** The East High School Biology Olympics team of Arissa Chambers, Santiago Churion, Kevin Fisher, Sarah Naughton, and Dean Nyberg earned 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Trivia, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the Scavenger Hunt and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Experimental Design at the regional Biology Olympics competition held at Cedar Crest College. Also, sophomore Arissa Chambers won 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in her individual event of Medical Biology and Physiology, and senior Kevin Fisher won 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in his individual event of Molecular Biology and Classical Genetics. The students competed against 10 other teams.

**Dental Health Poster: Congratulations to** Ella Bowers, a 3rd Grade Student at Swiftwater Elementary Center who participated in the Pennsylvania Dental Association's 2019 National Children's Dental Health Month statewide poster contest. Ella's artwork was chosen as one of the Top 10 entries from approximately 1,500 schools that were contacted to participate.