

Superintendent's Student and Staff Accomplishments March 20, 2019

Excellence Award: Congratulations to Mr. Jerry Greeley and his School to Work staff and students on earning a Colonial Intermediate Unit 20 Excellence in Education Award for the Jared Box Project. Our School to Work students, under the direction of Mr. Greeley, run this important District-wide program where our schools donate Jared Boxes, plastic shoe boxes filled with crafts and other items designed to keep chronically and terminally ill children entertained during extended hospital stays. The Jared Boxes are provided to area and regional hospitals.

Regional OOTM Winners: Pocono Mountain had six Odyssey of the Mind teams qualify to compete at the PA Odyssey of the Mind State Finals, as follows:

- Earning 1st Place were teams from the East High School and West High School.
- Earning 2nd Place were two teams from the East Junior High School and a team from Tobyhanna Elementary School.
- Earning 3rd Place was a team from the West High School.

Pocono Mountain hosted the Regional creative problem-solving competition at the West High School on March 9. We will also be hosting the state competition on April 6 on the Swiftwater Campus.

Aavidum: Pocono Mountain hosted a county-wide Aavidem event held on March 14 in the West Junior High School Multipurpose Room. The meeting was to develop a working relationship with the advisors and students from the four county school district, develop an Aavidum presentation for the upcoming Monroe County Roundtables' Community Night on May 7 at Northampton Community College, and discuss an event that all four school districts can hold during the 2019-2020 school year to create awareness about Aavidum, as well as Suicide prevention.

DaVinci Science Center Event: Twenty-five students each from the West High School, East High School, East Junior High and West Junior High traveled to the DaVinci Science Center on March 14 for the Health Care Connections Event. Students were able to explore, interact, and learn science through a variety of hands-on activities and exhibits in biology, chemistry, physics, and earth science. Students also had the opportunity to network with representatives from businesses in the health care field.

Chemistry Award: Congratulations to West High School Chemistry Teacher, Corrine Long, on being the recipient of the Lehigh Valley American Chemical Society's Award for Excellence in High School Teaching.