

Superintendent's Student and Staff Accomplishments October 2, 2019

STEAM Initiative: On Friday, Dr. Ann Bebout, the Da Vinci Science Center's Professional Development Program Manager and member of the Science Center's Leadership Team, worked with our East and West AP Art students to teach them how to use electrical circuitry as an element of art and design. Students explored the artistic possibilities of incorporating illumination in their art work. The STEAM education project required students to design, build, and troubleshoot parallel circuits using 3V coin cell batteries and LEDs (light emitting diodes). This is just one example of how Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics - STEAM – concepts are creating new and innovative learning opportunities for students across Pocono Mountain SD.

The workshop with Dr. Bebout is a result of a two-year STEAM professional development opportunity for art teachers that six Pocono Mountain art teachers are engaged in with the Carbon-Lehigh Intermediate Unit and the Da Vinci Science Center, funded by the US Department of Education.

Carnegie Hall Invite: Pocono Mountain West High School senior musician Marissa Kane was invited to perform in the High School Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall. Due to Marissa's extensive performance experience through PMEA Festivals such as the All-State Concert Band in 2018 and the All-Eastern Concert Band in 2019, Marissa passed through pre-screening and was offered a chance to audition to perform in this prestigious ensemble. We are unsure at this time whether or not Marissa will be able to audition, but we are proud of her for being recognized as a standout among high school musicians across the nation.

PCSS Board: Congratulations to Kristy Snider, a Social Studies Teacher at Pocono Mountain West Junior High School, on her re-election to the Board for the PA Council for the Social Studies.

PMSD-Wide Dress Down: Pocono Mountain School District held a District-wide dress down day on Friday, September 27, for the American Red Cross. I am proud to say our District team raised \$4,728.79 to help our local chapter of the American Red Cross.

Special Recognition: Tonight I would like to recognize Pocono Mountain East High School junior Jennie Valenze, who created the winning design for this year's Pride of the Mountain T-Shirt to highlight the annual football matchup between the East and the West Varsity Football Teams. The Pride of the Mountain football game is scheduled for Friday, October 25, 2019, at 7 p.m., at the Home of the Cardinal Stadium.