

Superintendent's Student and Staff Accomplishments December 4, 2019

Student Reporters: Pocono Mountain East High School seniors Samantha Rivera and Kiaya Jones had their work published on the front page of *The Journal of the Pocono Plateau*. Samantha wrote an article on the Pride of the Mountain Football breakfast and game and Kiaya took photos of the events. Both students are on the East HYPED digital magazine team. *The Journal of the Pocono Plateau* is a supporter of the HYPED program.

Alumni News: Congratulations to East High School alumni Lauren Fenn who was recognized by La Salle University as the Atlantic 10 Women's Rookie of the week in swimming. Lauren place 2nd in the 100 backstroke, 3rd in the 200 backstroke and 3rd in the 200 medley relay at the Atlantic 10 meet.

Community Service: Swiftwater Elementary Center gifted students helped the gifted department collect 437 items to donate to Street to Feet, Monroe County's daytime homeless shelter.

The West Junior High School Student Government collected enough donated food items through their annual food drive to provide Thanksgiving dinners to 18 West Junior High School families. The SGA thanks all of the parents, students and staff who donated items to help those in need in the school community.

Pocono Mountain School District schools are actively engaged in numerous community service projects each year that teach our students to be civically-responsible and civically-engaged citizens. We are very proud of our tradition of helping others and providing service to our community.

Mock Trial Success: The Pocono Mountain West High School Mock Trial team won the Mock Trial Invitational at East Stroudsburg South High School on November 23. East sophomore Greta Castrillo won first place as the outstanding witness. East's team, under the direction of advisor Maria Bras-Danges, has won 3 invitational tournaments in the last 4 years. Nine schools, including Hazelton and Palmerston, participated in the competition.

Special Recognition:

Long term school directors are being honored across the state by the Pennsylvania School Boards Association for their years of service from 8 to 36 years.

Tonight I would like to recognize two of our School Board directors who have served on the Board for 8 years and have volunteered their time and dedication to provide for the educational needs of all of our students.

Ms. Jacquelyn Leonard. Thank you for your 8 years of service on the School Board and to Pocono Mountain School District. Ms. Leonard was re-elected to serve on the Board for another 4 years.

Mr. Rusty Johnson. Thank you for your 8 years of service on the School Board and to Pocono Mountain School District. Mr. Johnson was also re-elected to serve on the Board for another 4 years.

Your names will be added to the PSBA Honor Roll of School Board Service. The Honor Roll is the PSBA's way of saying thank you to those individuals who give their time and talents to the betterment of public schools and who are strong supporters of public education.