

## **Superintendent's Student and Staff Accomplishments March 4, 2020**

**Wrestling Champs:** Congratulations to the Pocono Mountain East Junior High Wrestling Team. Five wrestlers placed at the District 11 Tournament. Nate Meinweiser (Grade 8) placed 6<sup>th</sup>, Scott Raymond (Grade 8) placed 5<sup>th</sup>, Gavin Sopko (Grade 9) placed 4<sup>th</sup>, Keegan Demarest (Grade 8) placed 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Cael Harmon (Grade 8) placed 1<sup>st</sup>. The Team finished in 8th place out of 43 teams.

**Swimming Medalists:** Congratulations to the Pocono Mountain East and West swim teams for their accomplishments at the District 11 championships in February. District swimmers earned 4 medals: 3 from East and 1 from West.

- East Senior Benjamin Gonzalez won 2 medals with a 4th place finish in the 200 meter Freestyle and a 2nd place finish in the 500 meter Freestyle. In addition to earning the medals, Benjamin set new school records in each event. He held the previous school records in both events.
- West Junior Tyler Mui earned 4th place in the 100 meter Breaststroke.
- East Sophomore Victoria Fenn earned 4th place in the 100 Freestyle and set a new school record by breaking her old record.

**Regional PA Junior Academy of Science:** Pocono Mountain School District students from East and West High Schools and Junior High Schools competed in the Regional PA Junior Academy of Science competition last weekend, bringing home many honors.

East High School Senior Shannon Lawlor earned a \$2,500, 4-year-Scholarship to the University of Scranton.

East High School Junior Santiago Churion received a Fellowship to the Geisinger School of Medicine.

Earning Excellence Awards were East Senior Jackie Dudley in Earth and Space, East Junior Maya Yagan in Zoology, and East Junior Adam Kaczmarzyk in Zoology.

District students earning Perfect Scores were East Senior Jackie Dudley and East Junior Emma Thompson; West Sophomore Kiel Birthright; East 8<sup>th</sup> graders Gloria Gabrielle-Gonzalez and Adam Kaczmarzyk; and East 7<sup>th</sup> grader Lila Shelton.

East High School students earning Perseverance Awards for their research work presented over six years of competitions were Seniors Jackie Dudley, Shannon Lawlor, and Dushaun Thompson.

In addition, 22 students earned First Awards and nine students earned Second Awards.

Students with First Awards qualified to compete at the State-level PA Junior Academy of Science competition at Penn State in May.