

## **Superintendent's Student and Staff Accomplishments June 5, 2019**

**PIAA Track & Field Medal:** Congratulations to PM East Junior Drew Altemose, who competed in the PIAA Track and Field Championships and earned a medal with his 7th Place finish in the State for boys javelin. Drew qualified to compete in the New Balance Outdoor Nationals on June 13-16, 2019, at Aggie Stadium in Greensboro, North Carolina and the 2020 Penn Relays April 23 - 25, 2020.

**Bike Donations:** The Pocono Mountain Regional Police Officers Association paid to refurbish five donated bicycles, which they presented to students from Pocono Mountain School District. Receiving the bikes were: Michael Patrone and Hayley Smith from Swiftwater Intermediate School, Jack Kreps and An'kya Williams from Clear Run Intermediate School, and Logan Duncan from Tobyhanna Elementary Center.

Tracy Fox, the Traffic Safety Coordinator for the Highway Safety Network, also provided each student with a new bike helmet, book bag and bike safety kit from PennDot.

**National ROTC Scholarship:** East High School senior Jane Fiore won a National ROTC scholarship. A representative of the University of Scranton ROTC program will present Janie with a certificate and Big check to signify the \$270,000 of the scholarship award tomorrow morning at the school.

**2019 Scholastic Art Awards:** East High School sophomore Deanna Hoffner won a Silver Medal at the National level of the 2019 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards for her photograph, 'The Needs of an Old Artist.' She also won three Gold Key awards at the Northeast Region level of the Scholastic Art and Writing Contest.

**Gratitude:** Dr. Robison expressed her gratitude to District bus drivers, dispatchers, and elementary staff, faculty and administrators for their quick action and support when the District delayed the afternoon buses

for the elementary schools last week due to a band of severe thunderstorms impacting the school campuses and roadways.

**Special Recognition:**

**PMSD HYPED:** I'd like to introduce Jeanine Hofbauer who is here to help us recognize the students who participated in our East and West HYPED Digital Magazine program.

**Odyssey of the Mind World Finals:** Congratulations to our two Pocono Mountain teams who competed at the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals at Michigan State University over Memorial Day Weekend. The East Opposites Distract team and the West Structure Toss team made it all the way through regional and state competition to compete at the World Finals.

**WHS Speech & Debate Team:** Congratulations to the West High School Speech and Debate team who competed at the 2019 National Catholic Forensic League Grand National Tournament.

**Future Business Leaders of America:** Congratulations to our East and West students who competed at the National Future Business Leaders of America Conference.

**Music Award:** Tonight, we also have the opportunity to recognize our music educators as we have presenters here from the National Association of Music Merchants. Pocono Mountain School District was recognized by NAMM as one of the 2019 Best Communities for Music Education.

**Senator Blake Student Ambassador:** We just receive notice yesterday that Jamise Sealey, a West High School senior, was one of the top finishers in Senator Blake's Student Ambassador Competition. Jamise prepared a presentation with Dunmore student Kaitlin Ahern, earning a 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the competition. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishers will receive scholarship assistance for their post-secondary academic pursuits.

For the presentation, the student ambassadors were tasked with putting themselves in the shoes of a state senator and proposing a new law or

policy of interest to them regarding transportation, education, emergency preparedness, environmental protection or human services. Each presentation was scored by the four judges on the substance of the proposal as well as on the strength of the argument.