

Superintendent's Student and Staff Accomplishments June 19, 2019

Math Competition Winners: Pocono Mountain School District students brought home 8 medals from the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council of Teachers of Mathematics Math Competition at Johnson College. Also, the top two scoring students from the 7th & 8th grade were both from Pocono Mountain.

In this competition, students are placed on teams with students from other school districts to complete a series of challenging math problems. Students on winning teams receive a team medal, and three students from each division win individual medals.

Congratulations to the following winners:

For grades 5 and 6:

- 1st Place Team Medal - Lila Shelton from Swiftwater Intermediate School
- 2nd Place Team Medal - Kailey Clifford from SIS
- 3rd Place Team Medal - Jenna Codrington from Clear Run Intermediate School

For grades 7 and 9:

- 1st Place Team Medal - Mychaela Dunham – West Junior High School
- 2nd Place Team Medal - William Mecca – West Junior High School
- 3rd Place Team Medal - Jessica Rinaldi – East Junior High School

Individual Awards:

- 1st Place - Daniel Martinez – West Junior High School
- 2nd Place - Jude Harfoush – East Junior High School

Thank you to the team coaches, Kathy Angeloni (TEC), Tiffany Becker (East Junior High School), Joy Carsia (SIS), and James Feuerstein

(CRIS/West Junior High School) for a very successful year in math competitions.

East Choir Awards: The East High School Choir had an outstanding day at the Music in the Parks Competition at Lebanon Valley College.

The choir earned the following awards at the competition:

- Women's Choir earned a superior rating and 2nd place
- Show Choir earned a superior rating and 2nd place
- Girls Show Choir earned a superior rating and 1st place
- Concert Choir earned a superior rating, 1st place, and Best Overall High School Choir with a score of 98 out of 100.

Additionally, senior Emma Withey was awarded Outstanding Accompanist and senior Athena Rajnai was awarded Outstanding Soloist.

Highmark Grant: Ms. Beth DeLay, our Director of Health/Physical Education, Guidance and Nursing Services, received notification that Pocono Mountain School District was awarded \$7,500 from the Highmark Foundation School Grant for use as part of the Monroe County Healthy Eating and Physical Activity. The funds will be used to purchase Heart Rate Sensors for Clear Run Intermediate School and Swiftwater Intermediate School. This is the 4th year in a row Pocono Mountain has received the grant for a combined total of \$28,300 in grant funding over 4 years.

Financial Reporting Award: Congratulations to Mr. Colozza and the Business Office on earning its 5th ASBO International's Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting Award. This year's award is for the District's 2018 Combined Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The award represents significant achievement and reflects the District's commitment to transparency and high-quality financial reporting.

Special Recognition:

Achieve 3000: I'd like to introduce Ms. Stacy Kulics, the Director of Reading and English Language Arts, so we can recognize our students for their accomplishment in Achieve 3000, a program for improving each student's individual reading and literacy skills.