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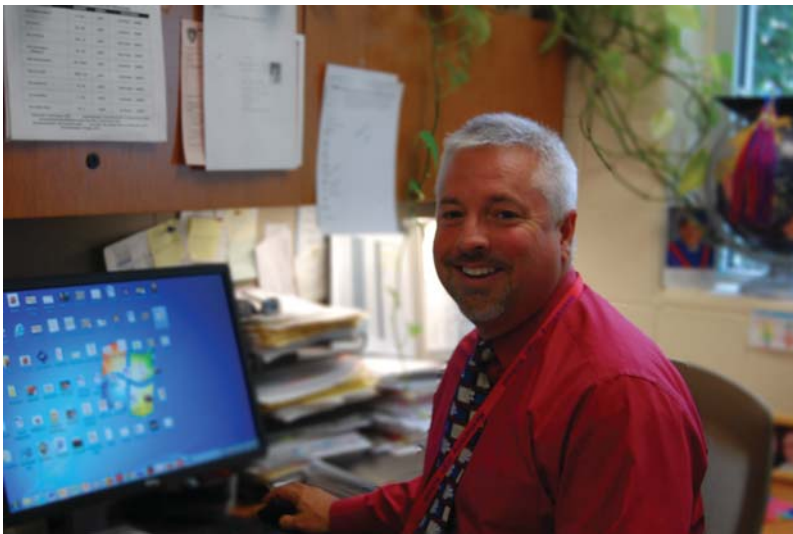
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Class of 2015



Farewell,

CLASS OF 2015



Neshaminy principal welcomes grads to alumni 'club'

Dear Seniors in the NHS Class of 2015,

It gives me great pleasure to be one of the first to welcome you to the ever-growing family of Neshaminy Alumni. You are now among a group of people dating back many decades who can proudly state, "I am a Neshaminy Graduate."

Congratulations on your accomplishment as it marks the culmination of a 13-year pursuit. Take a short break, you have earned it; but not for too long. Though your graduation marks the end of your high school experience, it is just the beginning of a much longer journey; a much more important journey.

Continue this journey; pursue your goals; pursue your dreams; pursue your passions; and along the way, use your talents to help make the world a better place for yourself and others.

We need you. Your community needs you. Your nation needs you and our world needs you to make a difference, just as you have made a difference at NHS.

Remember when you first came to NHS? We asked you to be part of the solution; to help us build a better school inside our facility. I am proud to say, "Mission Accomplished!" Over a four year period of time, each of you, individually and collectively, has helped redefine how NHS acts, how it thinks, and what it values through your commitment and actions over the last several years.

Look back on your experiences at Neshaminy: smile, reflect, laugh, cry, shake your head, be critical, and celebrate. But also give thanks, as those experiences have helped shape you and prepare you for the challenges yet to come. These experiences will be a part of you forever.

Thank you for helping us move NHS forward academically, socially and emotionally. Collectively, you the Class of 2015, through your day-to-day, hour-to-hour actions have left future classes with a positive foundation and climate. I can honestly say that I have enjoyed watching you enjoy your Senior Year. Again, congratulations and welcome to the club!

Rob McGee, Ph.D.
Principal
Neshaminy High School

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Class president sends beach vibes and best wishes to grads

To all of my fellow graduates,

As we are quickly approaching the end of our era at Neshaminy High School, I encourage you to take a moment of your day to reflect on how much we have grown since the first time we arrived here. Although we wish there were, there is no such thing as a do-over. But, we are given the opportunity to learn from our experiences, both good and bad. We will all measure our time spent at Neshaminy in different ways. I hope you take the many experiences from high school and grow from them. But before we face this inevitable change, I would like to wish you all the best of luck. Whatever your future has in store, take the opportunities presented to you and do something fantastic with them. Live the life your seven year old self planned for you in 1st grade. Go be a success and I'll see you at the shore.

Have fun, be safe, stay golden.

Abby Alexis
Senior Class President

Senior class adviser bids adieu to grads

Dear Class of 2015,

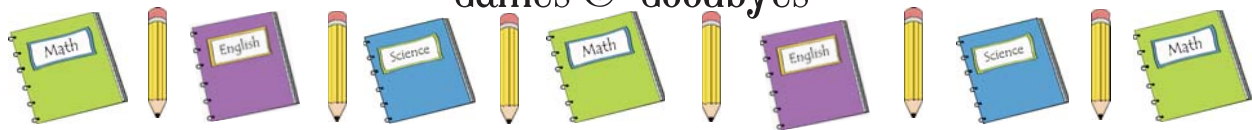
As we say goodbye and you move on to your new endeavors, I feel both excited and sad. The family that we have created here is a special one to say the least! We've had our good days and bad, but mostly we have generated wonderful memories to hold on to and cherish. The achievements that you've accomplished over your 4 years are countless between academics, sports, clubs, etc... I know you are looking forward to running out of here at full speed, but I believe that you'll be surprised by how much you will miss! The Proms, Trips, Games, Plays, Concerts, Friendships, and the list goes on. You should take great pride in joining the ranks of Neshaminy Alumni.

I am so very proud to have been a part of your lives. Whether you find yourself in College, in the work world, or any other path, just make sure you are challenging yourself to be happy and successful. I will pray that you will all be blessed with wonderful experiences, careers, spouses, and children!

Wishing you all the best,

Neal Oberto
Neshaminy Class of '99 and Senior Class Adviser





VALEDICTORIAN SALUTATORIANS



MEADOWS-- The Class of 2015's Valedictorian is Jake Meadows. Jake will be attending the University of Pittsburgh in the fall majoring in biomedical engineering. Jake has participated in numerous clubs and extra curricular activities in his four years at Neshaminy, including National Honors Society, World Affairs Club, and Environmental Action Club.

Photo/Steph Harvey



SALUTATORIANS-- This year the senior class has three salutatorians, (from left to right) Alli Kaufman, Anthony Murray, and Jenny Pan. Next year Alli will be attending Georgetown University majoring in International Affairs, Anthony will be attending Drexel University studying engineering, and Jenny will be attending the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill studying Public Health.

Photo/Steph Harvey

DIRECTIONS:

For those who have been to a graduation ceremony before, we're sure you know the clichés that come with it. For those who are experiencing a commencement ceremony for the first time, pay attention because these are quotes and phrases you will most likely hear again.

While the above students are speaking, and the numerous administrators and class officers give their speeches, please enjoy our Graduation Bingo.

Cross off the very common graduation occurrences as they happen and when you get five in a row (in any direction) make sure you scream "BINGO!" as loud as you can during the ceremony; you won't get a prize for winning but you should still shout it anyway.

***DISCLOSURE*:** Alli Kaufman was the creator of this bingo board. She created it prior to hearing any other graduation speeches and after writing her own.

B	I	N	G	O
significant historical figure quote	"bitter-sweet"	someone blows an air horn	speaker makes an unfunny joke	"these are the best years of your life"
"looking forward"	gym night reference	graduation speech blows off the stage	you spot a handheld fan	a parent frantically waves to their child
"looking back"	a mother near you tears up	The "we're finally free!" Space	"Class of 2015" is said 20+ times	dichè about memories
Dr. Suess or Walt Disney quote	a teacher takes away a beach ball	student trips when receiving diploma	"this isn't an end, it is a beginning"	"each and every one of you is special"
"pass the torch"	someone apologizes for the weather	"you made it"	overarching expectations are listed	"feels like just yesterday"

Business Editor thankful for past four years

This farewell marks the last time I will stay up late to finish a high school homework assignment. However, different than the rest, this is one assignment that I am thrilled to complete. The last four years have gone by faster than I wish they had.

To my newspaper family – we have stuffed ourselves with pizza and awards over the last four years. Through screaming fights and late night layouts we managed to get done every issue as editors. I would have never thought as a freshman sitting in second period journalism class that I would have so many memorable times – good and bad – in the newspaper office. It is only because of the microwave and the refrigerator in the newspaper office I managed to make it through high school.

To my teachers – El Chiefo aka Mikey P, thanks for a year of love and support. Mama Kriegs, you have made me love Chemistry even more (after getting taught sig figs by Big Murr) and I cannot wait to start first semester confident now that I know how to do ice charts. You are a trooper for putting up with 8th period (with Moazz). I loved talking about Villanova with you and getting college advice. I hope to see you at basketball games next year cheering on our wildcats. Mrs. Huber, you have put up with a lot over the last four years with the current group of seniors. You have been our mom away from home, our supporter, and our fighter. Thank you for looking out for us, for teaching us how to be good journalists and even better human beings. I don't know what I would do without your kids leftover snacks.

To my best friends – thank you for putting up with me, for getting me through school, and for the time of my life during JCT and Gym Night. Vicky, Jenny, and Emily, our group chat helped me get through college applications, picking a prom dress, and dealing with school work. Em, I am forever grateful for your delicious cooking and your constant sarcasm. Jul, I can't believe one of my closest friends is going to one of the best nursing programs in the country.

You're going to be an amazing nurse. Always remember no matter where we go in life I will always text you about Pretty Little Liars. Anthony, you have kept me sane the past two years and encouraged me through some of the most difficult times. I am beyond proud to see you up on stage today.

To my family – God has blessed me with the hardest working and most encouraging parents. I owe this day and my future at Villanova to you. Savannah, you are my best friend and my motivation for everything I do. Thanks for the late night talks, for the fun of playing Polly pocket again, and for the constant laughs.

To my senior class – after 16,380 hours spent in school we are finally done. And what do we get for managing to get through gym night practices, Naviance, freezing cold powder puff practices, and senioritis all in one year? A piece of paper, a congratulatory handshake, and memories that will last a lifetime. Congratulations Class of 2015, we made it.

**-Stephanie Harvey, Business Editor
Villanova University '19, Nursing**



The gratitude of a salutorian

It is hard to write a farewell to high school because it is hard to believe that it is over. I am so used to being a high schooler that it is difficult to imagine being anything else. When we do move on and look back though, I will have a lot to be thankful for. I discovered the subjects I have a passion for; I learned how to get through the ones I hate. I also made memories at Prom, on the Junior Class Trip and with the track team. My high school achievements are not my own though. Without God I would not have any of the opportunities I was given. Without my family I would not have achieved what I did. Without my friends I would not have had the same good times. Without my girlfriend Steph I would have never made it anywhere on time. Without Neshaminy I would not be here graduating today.

**-Anthony Murray, Salutorian, Copy Editor
Drexel University BSE, MSE '20**



Managing Editors will miss high school, newspaper

It's a weird feeling, knowing the people you see on a daily basis-- your best friends, your mentors, even your parents-- will be to a certain degree left behind as you move on to the next chapter.

In that light, the change will be huge, and it feels as if I'm leaving my old life and starting anew. As excited as I am for what college and the future holds, I will miss a lot about high school.

I will miss that group of friends that stuck with me from Maple Point on. Though high school often dragged us apart and stretched the bonds of friendship, we still stayed close; we still had an enjoyable five years of friendship--so here's to many more.

I will miss high school track and field and the best friends I made through it and the lessons and health I gained from it. It altogether changed who I was and more often than not served as a respite from the stresses of the school day.

I will miss this newspaper. Though it was certainly more stressful and challenging than any class could ever be, it was also the most rewarding.

Newspaper changed me for the better: it made me capable of enduring criticism, speaking publicly, thinking critically, and standing bravely. Never would I think, at the beginning of high school, that I would be able to do what I have done now. Newspaper pushed me far out of my comfort zone, yet it all worked out for the best. Equally important, through this common bond I have developed some of my strongest friendships. Newspaper served as a family I could fall back on; G202 served as the colorful (and oftentimes cluttered) home in Neshaminy. It made my high school experience enjoyable because, no matter what, there was always one room and one group of people during the school day that welcomed me. Plus, there was food.

High school for me, though anything normal, was great. It was great because I got involved and made friends, and I think that's the key to enjoying high school. To the current, underclassmen: get involved, join a club, join a sports team, do something you enjoy and make friends through it. You will befriend people you never would have otherwise. Do Gym Night, go to prom-- these are some of the best moments of high school. Get involved and make memories, and your high school experience will be enjoyable. I know mine was.

**-Jackson Haines, Managing Editor
American University '19, Political Science**

I didn't fit in in high school, but I was fortunate to find a home away from home while here. Within four walls we created a safe space and developed into a tiny dysfunctional family, and I am so thankful for it. The Playwickian, our adviser, and the entire staff have been a constant support system since my freshmen year. From my time here I've learned what my true passions are, what I want to do with the rest of my life, who I hope to be, and what kind of people I should surround myself with.

For four years I sat alongside my class in the annual assembly where we watch the same power point with the same overarching expectations -- number 3 being "accept and appreciate differences." That one is my favorite, mainly because it's so rare to come across in Neshaminy.

The only thing that has upheld the integrity of expectation number three is the Playwickian. The entire school was up in arms because we wanted to be respectful toward a minority. We didn't even ask to change the mascot, we simply didn't want to use a word in a publication "nobody reads anyway." Since last year the Playwickian became the thing Neshaminy students (and administration) love to hate -- people are still angrily tweeting about us.

Regardless of how justified you feel in your own actions and reactions to the issues of the Playwickian I think we deserve to say the way we were treated wasn't fair. "Bullying" to me sounds so juvenile to even say, but it happened. People said truly awful things to us online, we watched people rip up issues -- that we had spent hours on -- in front of our faces, we didn't have a place in the school and that the adults that were meant to stand up for us hated us too -- not the ideal environment to come back to everyday.

As a result of what we faced this year though, we did uncover an overwhelming amount of support. People reached out from across the nation. Not only that, but the staff as a whole stuck together. The past two years brought us closer than we have ever been and so I am thankful things happened the way that they did.

If it wasn't for this unwavering commitment to racism within the district I wouldn't have traveled the nation this year collecting awards with my staff. I wouldn't have a letter of recommendation written by Keith Olbermann, and I wouldn't have been given the countless opportunities I have, over the past two years.

High school was not what I thought it would be and neither was newspaper. I never thought I could learn so much from just one woman, I never thought I could come to love a group of people as much as I do the staff, and I never thought one small room in a high school building would be so hard for me to leave.

**-Maddy Buffardi, Managing and Op-Ed Editor
Temple University '19, Communications and Women's Studies**



Salutorian reflects back on high school

When I look back at high school it feels like I've been here forever, in a constant state of pushing against the current of 3,000 students on "Main Street". But at the same time, it feels like just yesterday that I sat down in

an Honors Biology class and met some of the friends I would have for four years. My first two years at Neshaminy were a blur of trying to find my place in such a big school and failing, and honestly I spent so much time trying to make myself a walking college application that I never really tried to "find myself". It wasn't until my junior year when I joined the Playwickian that I felt like I had found my people, my place, and my home within Neshaminy and more specifically G202. In my journey with the Playwickian

I have discovered my passions and ultimately myself. The last two years of high school have been some of the hardest but most rewarding years of my life and a large part of that is due to the challenges I've faced in my own school. I owe a large part of who I am to this school for both good and bad reasons and while I certainly wouldn't want to do it all again, I certainly wouldn't change a thing. I don't want to be a writer and I won't be studying journalism in college but I wouldn't be on the path I am, I wouldn't be the person I am, and I certainly wouldn't have had the experiences I did if I wasn't a member of this newspaper and I will be forever thankful for whatever encouraged me to fill out an editor's application two years ago.

**-Allison Kaufman, Salutorian, Sports Editor
Georgetown University '19, International Affairs**

Emily Fithian

**-Emily Fithian, Photography Editor
LaSalle University '19, Nutrition**



Archivist looks back



Well it's been an interesting year guys. I've been changed a lot by this newspaper and I only hope that I impacted the newspaper back in as positive a manner. From the lowly ranks of copy editor and archivist (a title I may not deserve,) I think I've done pretty well becoming the Playwickian's science freak and bird nerd. I went from being reactive in my writing to proactive, and I actually started immensely enjoying journalism, at least when it was purely factual. I want to thank Jack for getting me involved in this club and the entire Playwickian for welcoming me. You guys made it a better Senior year, even though I tortured you guys with the bird cam. Thanks Mrs. Huber for letting me in and being so excited for me even when my interests were strange, and thanks even more for connecting with me on college affairs. The newspaper has taught me things about the world and myself, and I appreciate everything it has done. Thanks for the welcome, thanks for the pizza, thanks for the learning experience.

-Nicholas Hoffman, Archivist
Lehigh University '19, Mechanical Engineering

News Editor leaves "home"



The new GPS application on my phone saves a specific location as 'home'; it bases the location on the place at which the person has spent the most hours. A couple of months ago, it asked me whether I would like to set 2001 Old Lincoln Hwy, Langhorne, PA 19047, as my 'home'. As awfully cheesy as it is, I found it amusing because this school has actually become like my second home and G202 has become a second room I share with 25 of the most talented individuals I have ever met. We even have a school mom, Mrs. Tara Huber, the kindest, most assertive, and strongest, not only teacher, but person, I have ever had the privilege of knowing.

Mrs. Huber, you have stuck with us through the challenges high school has catapulted at us and I sincerely thank you for that. Even when you were the one to receive consequences, thank you for standing by our side, and not giving up hope in our aspirations.

Seniors, after four years, if only the walls of G202 could speak. They have witnessed excitement, shouting, procrastination, laughter, crying, and most of all, determination, along with photo shopped photographs of Reed Hennessey.

Educators, because of you, I am prepared to enter the real world with confidence in my intellectual abilities and working habits. Thank you.

Administrators, because of you, I have gained more knowledge about the first amendment and scholastic rights than any of my future college peers. Thank you.

Neshaminy High School is a place filled with off-white walls, a missing second Gymnasium, and a hole in the middle of the building itself, and I am proud to refer to it as my second home.

-Solomiya Syyyk, News Editor
American University '19, International Relations

Entertainment editor will miss dysfunctional "family"



The first word that comes to my mind when I think of family is "dysfunctional." The Playwickian family is the epitome of dysfunctional. We laugh, cry, eat, yell, and leave coffee cups to mold. We love and hate each other simultaneously; frankly I am still trying to figure out how that could be.

To lay it all out there, I barely knew about the school newspaper until my junior year of high school when I took Journalism. After a month I went out on a whim and decided to apply for Entertainment Editor, having no idea what I was getting myself into.

For the next two years I spent late nights in newspaper creating content and ultimately getting to know more about my fellow editors and also about myself. Newspaper not only taught me to share my opinions, but to also push myself creatively.

The editors of the Playwickian encompass so many different types of personalities that it would be completely impossible to mention them all. Although when I think of our personalities, my mind will automatically visualize Abraham Lincoln, bolo ties, feminism, and fleshing it out.

I cannot even describe how grateful I am for all of my fellow editors. I have been so blessed to know each and every one of them. No matter what happens to us or where we end up, I will always remember our dysfunctional family of G202.

-Monica Dinh, Entertainment Editor
PACE University '19, Marketing

Editor-in-chief recalls time in newspaper

For the past four years now I have been an editor on the staff of the Playwickian and if there is one thing I have learned from those past four years as an editor it is that being young does not make you wrong. One of my first articles published in the Playwickian was an opinion piece on stem-cell research. I supported stem cell research and stated why, a few days later I received an email from a local community member who stated why he believed I was wrong and that he understood my viewpoint as he was once young and without experience. I had no problem with his stance on the issue, I disagreed with it, but this is America and he has a right to hold his own political and social beliefs.

What bothered me was that he asserted because I am a teenager this meant my opinion was wrong. If anything the opposite is true, never before has such a young generation of Americans had access to such vast amounts of information as we do, and the opportunity to formulate coherent and factually sound opinions. I do not care if you are a conservative, liberal, populist or a libertarian; no one has the right to tell you what to think. Not the President of the United States, the Governor of Pennsylvania, or the principal of Neshaminy High School.

A prime example of this is the current debate surrounding the mascot of Neshaminy High School, the R-----, which I believe to be racist. I may disagree with someone's opinion on the mascot and find their opinion to completely wrong, but never would I dare tell them what to think.

Ambiguously worded laws and policies may exist that give authority figures perceived powers, but if that authority figure has any ethical or moral compass they won't tell others what to think, and they certainly wouldn't, especially as a public employee should that be the case, conduct themselves and act as if they have that power. No, being young doesn't make you wrong it just means you won't be taken as seriously by anyone ten years older than you. Sorry to go off on a tangent there, just in case you didn't pick up on it I have been indirectly referring to the entire situation with the Playwickian, the racist mascot, and the high school administration's actions in general.

Not to say that as I reflect on my time in Neshaminy I wish things had gone differently, quite the opposite. In retrospect I loved my time at Neshaminy High School, especially the people I have met, including the school board and administration. If there is one lesson I can pass on to anyone actually still reading this please consider the following, stay young and keep it weird.

-Reed Hennessey, Editor-in-Chief
University of Georgia '19, Political Science



Editor-in-chief reflects on four years of fun

Ah, the Playwickian. The infamous Playwickian. As I reflect on my last four years in Neshaminy high school, I am most thankful for you. Through the many hours of InDesign and AP Style, I somehow found who I am supposed to be through you, Playwickian.

When I took the Journalism and Creative Writing course my freshman year, I immediately wanted "in." I wanted to be an editor next to the other really cool freshman in my class. Little did I know the crazy amazing learning journey I was about to take off on when I took the position.

I came across many discoveries as I have been a part of this newspaper. And these discoveries I will hold with me as I go off into my higher education and beyond.

One of the things I found is that I'm the biggest procrastinator - and this is nothing to brag about. This probably hindered my learning and productivity most. Like many others, I've pulled too many all-nighters than I'd like to admit, but I learned the importance of not putting things off and getting them done beforehand so I can actually sleep.

I found a family in the Playwickian. We're a little condensed crazy family. We've seen happy times, sad times, scary times: all together. From Columbia trips, lobbying school board members at countless school board meetings, 10 p.m. layout nights, and even the "American Sniper" fiasco- we could look to each other and know we can depend on one another. If I lost my train of thought mid-speech, I knew I could look to my left or right to one of my fellow editors/family members and know they'd finish my sentence for me. Getting to lead with the amazing others on the management team, including Reed as my co-editor, Jack and Maddy as managing, and Steph as business- you guys have taught me so much and I am forever be grateful for getting to know you crazy souls.

A person I never would have found had it not be for the Playwickian is our amazing adviser, Mrs. Huber. I found a woman who wears many hats: a mom, a union president, a rehab worker, and our school-mom. She has shown us strength and an undying belief in us, regardless of if we're right wrong. This is something I really needed in high school; when things got dark, I needed an adult figure, a school mom, to stand up and ensure me that things would be okay. And she did just this and more. She truly is one of my heroes.

My biggest accomplishment walking away from Neshaminy and the Playwickian is that I found my voice. More than that- I have a voice and it matters. And I can use this voice to empower other students, or even to humanize a group of people that have been discriminated against within our own school.

Thank you Playwickian, my Playwickian family, Mrs. Huber, and Dr. McGee for providing me with the most extraordinary high school experience.

-Gillian McGoldrick, Editor-in-Chief
Temple University '19, Journalism

Take a look Back...to 1996-1997

Most Popular

Male Baby Name:

Tyler (1996, 1997)

Female Baby Name:

Ashley (1996), Taylor (1997)

Movie: Independence Day (1996), Titanic (1997)

Song: "Macarena" by Los Del Rio (1996), "Candle in the Wind" by Elton John (1997)

..when "TheWorld Wide Web" was first making its mark.



... when the Presidential election was won by incumbent Bill Clinton (D). He won in 1996 and was inaugurated in January of 1997.

Just recently, Neshaminy High School got connected to the Internet. Individual students and classes can now access, what many call, the *Information Superhighway*.

Source: The Playwickian

...when pro golfer Tiger Woods won his first of many majors with his record setting performance at the Masters' Tournament. He was 21.



...when... well some thing's never change at Neshaminy

Contract talks stall, deadline imminent

Source: The Playwickian

SENIORS LOOK BACK



Alyssa Zukowski

Q: What will you miss most about Neshaminy?

B: My friends, yearbook, messing with Mr. Luongo all the time, and our Friday night track meets at Lehigh. It's unbelievable that I'll never see all these people again.



Meredith Reed

Q: What was the best part of high school for you?

A: Getting the chance to make friends and connections in a fairly accepting and open environment.



Eric Chapman

Q: What is your favorite memory from high school?

A: Being a class officer and running track—and beating Pennsbury!



Austin Phillip

Q: Anything you'll miss [about high school]?

A: Howler! I will miss Howler. And Bagel Day. I really like Bagel Day a lot. And I love my friends

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Senior Sendoffs



The Playwickian Class of 2015 received the following awards while in high school:

- ACLU 2014 Civil Libertarian Award
- Edmund J. Sullivan Award, 2015
- Ancil Payne Award for Ethics in Journalism, 2015
- Florida State Press Association Keynote Speakers, 2015
- Philadelphia City Council Resolution, Oct. 2014
- Keystone Scholastic Press Award, April 2014
- Columbia Scholastic Press Association Gold Circle Award, 2014
- Columbia Scholastic Press Association Gold Medalist Certificate 2014, Silver Medalist 2013
- Widener University & NBC10 Leadership Award, 2014
- NSPA & SPLC Courage in Student Journalism Award, 2014
- Philadelphia Magazine Best Truth-To-Power Award, 2014

Newspaper adviser says goodbye to editors

How do I say goodbye to the kids who awkwardly meandered into Neshaminy High School in 2011 and confidently marched out as the 2015 Playwickian editors who made waves felt around the world?

I have had the fortunate opportunity to watch you grow up before my eyes and evolve into sophisticated, compassionate adults who are determined to eliminate discrimination and support freedom of speech. So while I say goodbye to the naive freshmen I met years ago, I welcome the beautiful young souls you are and the formidable people you are yet to become.

How do I accurately recall all the details of the story of the brave editors, who in 2013 decided not to print a word in the student newspaper that you determined - through a sophisticated, intellectual and democratic process - was racist and offensive?

Over time, the lessons learned will outweigh the importance of all the events and the awards. But as your adviser, I have the satisfaction of knowing within the four walls of the newspaper office, journalists fiercely debated, passionately researched and conscientiously arrived at editorial decisions. And you did so with the utmost respect for each other and those you represent.

How do I sum up the lessons learned when the perfect storm of warriors and worriers came together to challenge the assumptions and traditions of a community while asking me to guide you through this murky often frightening process?

Each one of you represents a distinct aspect of our family, whose individual strengths made us better journalists and people as a whole. Our collective experiences shaped who we have become, but each one of you leave with me an indelible mark in my mind and in my heart.

To my Playwickian editors class of 2015 who made that controversial decision in 2013, I know you learned...

-Courageous leaders make tough decisions, accept responsibility and remain positive;

-Unwavering commitment to liberty and justice for all is paramount;

-There is nothing more important than being guided by a strong moral compass;

-Your advocacy for equality will not be mitigated by the closed-minded;

-Faith and a strong belief system will be your guiding light;

-Understanding society with a comprehensive world view will keep your perspectives broad;

-Creativity is a beautiful expression of your soul and spirit;

-A combination of intellect and wit will overcome all hardships;

Ultimately, we all learned that when someone tells you they are behind you, those words are meaningless unless someone has the courage to stand with you.

With maternal love, Tara Huber



Congratulations to the Playwickian Seniors about to graduate onto bigger and better things. Thanks to Mrs. Huber for her unwavering support and guidance through four spectacular and at times difficult years. To Madison we want you to know how proud we are of you and everything you have written (and chose not to write) during your time at NHS and the Playwickian. We love you and Congrats!

The Buffardi Family

"Never be afraid to raise your voice for honesty and truth and compassion against injustice and lying and greed. If people all over the world... would do this, it would change the earth" -William Faulkner

Jackson, we are so proud of you for standing up for what you believe in. Stay true to yourself and be happy in life's journey. We know you will continue to achieve great things. Congratulations!

Love you, Mom and Dad

Sissy;

You are the best big sister EVER!

Love, Sissy xo

Stephanie;

We are SO proud of your accomplishments and hard work from the first day of kindergarten to now; your graduation day. May your special day be filled with the "sunshine" that you have shown me and daddy throughout the years. You are beautiful inside and out. Continue to shine bright and follow your inner compass where ever it should guide you.

Congratulations Peanut. We love you!

Abdo, Joseph	Arizona State University	Cautilli, Jennifer	Carolina, Wilmington	Eldridge, Brianna	West Chester University
Abuliken, Amir	Kutztown University	Cento, Emily	Drexel University	Ellingsworth, David	BCCC
Ackerman, Melissa	Military - Navy	Cerankowski, Jessie	St. Joseph's University	Elwekil, Adam	BCCC
Agron, Alexander	Temple University	Cerra, Siena B	Albright College	Escudero, Dominique	BCCC
Albarran, Zachary	University of Pittsburgh	Chamberlin, Jennifer	Bloomsburg University	Evans, Christopher	BCCC
Albright, Christopher	Temple University	Chandrasekar, Shruti	Acadia University	Evans, Sarah	University of the Arts
Albright, Jillian	Bloomsburg University	Chang, Andy	PSU, University Park	Fabian, Blake	Military - Marines
Alexis, Abigail	Saint Joseph's University	Chapman, Eric	Drexel University	Farley, Thomas	Bloomsburg University
Alfonso, Zane	Military - Air Force	Chase, Taylor	West Chester University	Fattore, Cameron	BCCC
Allen, Eric W	BCCC	Cheever, Michael	University of Pittsburgh	Fedele, Marie	Employed
Altieri, Eric J	BCCC	Cheney, Evan	Employed	Fee, Austin	BCCC
Amtmann, Billy	York College of Pennsylvania	Cho, Yoo Jin	BCCC	Feeney, Jennifer	BCCC
Anac, Senanur	PSU, University Park	Choi, Rebecca	BCCC	Ferri, Jenna	BCCC
Andrews, Kaitlyn G	Albright College	Ciaramella, Emily	Acadia University	Firestone, Kayla	Temple University
Angel, Erica	BCCC	Clark, Amber	DeSales University	Fischer, Bradley	Kutztown University
Angelo, Jordan J	Gwynedd-Mercy University	Clark, Robert	Kutztown University	Fisher, Shannon	Florida Atlantic University
Arimendez, Christian	BCCC	Clarke, Sarah	West Chester University	Fitch, Tara	Kutztown University
Asan, Aubri	Indiana University of Pennsylvania	Cleus, Evens	PSU, Abington	Fithian, Emily	LaSalle University
Aslanian, Daniel	PSU, Altoona	Cody, Stephanie	Lackawanna College	Fitzpatrick, Aisling	4yr college
Atkinson, Haley	Community College of Philadelphia	Cohen, Harrison	Employed	Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth	Stevenson University
Aungst, Timothy M	University of Pittsburgh	Coia, Ciara	BCCC	Flack, Miranda	Commnity College of
Bacon, Race	Coastal Carolina University	Collins, Jordan	Military - Navy	Foley, Andrew	BCCC
Badgley, Nathan	BCCC	Collins, Thomas	Drexel University	Foran, Ryan	Holy Family University
Badler, James A	Career education	Connelly, Morgan	BCCC	Foster, Nicholas	Neuman University
Baer, Jacob	Lehigh University	Cordisco, Kyle	Temple University	Fragoso, Dominique	BCCC
Bagwell, Alysiana	Alvernia University	Costigan, Christina	BCCC	Fridman, Angela	University of Pittsburgh
Ballard, Charles	BCCC	Cox, Jake	Employed	Fritsch-Halstead, Dylan	Employed
Ballester, Daniel A	BCCC	Coyle, Erin	Indiana University of Pennsylvania	Frizzelle, Emily	BCCC
Balsys, Lukas	PB Cosmotology Education Center	Creely, Paul	BCCC	Furey, Virginia	Unknown future adventures
Barile Gianfranco	BCCC	Creighton, Julia	West Chester University	Gale, Kylee	BCCC
Barner, Colin	Employed	Cristancho, Diana	PSU, Berks	Gallagher, Keely	BCCC
Barnett, Julia K	University of Pittsburgh	Crocker, Haili	Unknown future adventures	Galuchie, Ryan	PSU, University Park
Bashwinger, Courtney	Pennsylvania College of Technology	Crowell, Patrick	BCCC	Garlick, Thomas	BCCC
Bastik, Thomas J	BCCC	Cruz, Matthew	BCCC	Garofalo, Chase	Unknown future adventures
Bell, William	BCCC	Cruz, Olivia	Jean Madeline Aveda Institute	Garuffe, Corinne	Albright College
Benincasa, Dante	Saint Joseph's University	Cuffari, Trisha	Moore College of Art and Design	Geisler, Lawrence	Liberty University
Bento, Jason	Unknown future adventures	Cullen, Matthew	Employed	Gerenda, Blaze	Unknown future adventures
Berdomas, Nicholas	BCCC	Curran, Carly	University of South Florida, Tampa	Giaquinto, Anthony	Coastal Carolina University
Bernard, Katie	Ursinus College	Currey, Kyle	Unknown future adventures	Gibson, Abagale	University of Pittsburgh
Berneke, Keara	Unknown future adventures	Daly, Kaitlyn	BCCC	Gibson, Jalen	BCCC
Berue, Adrienne	University of Pittsburgh	Damiano, Giuliano	PSU, University Park	Gillespie, Riley	University of Pittsburgh
Betson, Amanda	Military - Army Reserves	Danglo, Madison	PSU, Abington	Gillmer, Corey	Duquesne University
Beyer, Matthew	BCCC	Daniels, Alphonso	Holy Family University	Gist, Nefertari	Cabrini College
Biddick, Kayla	Military - Marines	Darden, Julie	University of Pittsburgh	Glaze, Tarek	PSU, Abington
Bidwell, Madison	Alvernia University	Dawson, Sarah	Temple University	Godoy, Damaris	Empire Beauty School
Biemuller, Kelly	Unknown future adventures	Day, Alexis	BCCC	Goetz, Kevin	Albright College
Blanco, Javier	Military - Army	DeBolt, Amber	West Chester University	Gonglik, Nicole	Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Boldarev, Deivid	Drexel University	Degner, Caitlyn	Delaware Valley University	Good, Liam	Military-Air Force
Bollinger, Connor	BCCC	Deithorn, Jennifer	University	Goral, Magdalena	BCCC
Bolton, Jaclyn M	PSU, Abington	Dejesus, Alyssa	BCCC	Gormley, Matthew	Millersville University
Boop, Russell	PSU, Harrisburg	DeMarchis, Dominick	BCCC	Gotzman, Nicholas	Employed
Bowman, Andrew C	Bloomsburg University	Devine, Jessica	Apprenticeship Program	Gowen, Kayla	Temple University
Bowman, Jonathan	Employed	Devlin, Anthony	Unknown future adventures	Grady, Brendan	BCCC
Boyle, Matthew	Temple University	Devonshire, Sean	Employed	Graham, Matthew	Millersville University
Bradley, Erin	PSU, University Park	Diamond, Brooke	Marymount Manhattan College	Grael, Katelyn	West Chester University
Brady, Allison	Pepperdine University	Dick, Francis	BCCC	Grael, Stephen	BCCC
Bratton, Tia Renee	Lincoln Tech	Diegel, Shannon	BCCC	Green, Brittany	BCCC
Brewer, Nicole Marie	PSU, Abington	Dieroff, Madison	Military	Grey, Sharon	BCCC
Britton, Hailey	BCCC	DiFrank, Kyle	Shippensburg University	Grzybowski, Lauren	Pepperdine University
Brock, Sara K	PSU, Abington	Dilks, Patrick	Philadelphia University	Guidos, Vincent	Millersville University
Brown, Amanda	BCCC	Dillon, Destiny	Saint Joseph's University	Gulick, Taylor	Temple
Brown, Evan T	Military - Air Force	Dinh, Monica	BCCC	Gurevich, Eric	BCCC
Brown, Jason	BCCC	Diodata, Brianna	Unknown future adventures	Gutierrez, Juan	Temple University
Brown, Kedrick	Delaware County Community College	Dixon, Alex	BCCC - PACE University	Gutman, Victoria	American University
Brown, Kyle	Santa Fe University of Art and Design	Do, Duy Xuan	Albright College	Haines, Jackson	BCCC
Brucks-Leuz, Shaime	BCCC	Doan, Rebecca	Millersville University	Hall, Justin	Bloomsburg University
Bruno, Jessica A	Cairn University	Dodson, Noel	BCCC	Hamilton, Emily	West Chester University
Brutas, John	Temple University	Dogba, Daniel	BCCC	Hankinson, Nathan	BCCC
Buccelli, John	BCCC	Doman, Chloe	Delaware Valley University	Hansen, Erich	Delaware Valley University
Bucci, Austin	Temple University	Domasinsky, Rachel	West Chester University	Hardman, Cameron	West Chester University
Buchys, Katlyn	Temple University	Donahue, Mason	Elizabethtown College	Harris, Taylor	PSU, University Park
Buffardi, Madison	Temple University	Donato, Francesca	Old Dominion University	Harvey, Stephanie	Villanova University
Buliga, John	Albright College	Doooley, Liam	St. Joseph's University	Harvey, Taryn	Philadelphia University
Bullard, Anthony	BCCC	Dougherty, James	PSU, Abington	Haston, John	University of the Arts
Burke, Michael	4yr college	Dugan, Adam	Employed	Hayes, Joseph	Employed
Burns, Hunter	Unknown future adventures	Dum, Menderes	BCCC	Hellings, Zachary	PSU, Altoona
Bussey, Kiana	Gwynedd Mercy University	Duncan, Stephanie	Unknown future adventures	Hellyer, Reginald	George Mason University
Buxton, Brianna	BCCC	Dunn, Joseph	Temple University	Helms, Lauren	BCCC
Caban, Jasmine	Bloomsburg University	Eckert, Jamie	University of New Haven	Helverson, Brian	BCCC
Campbell, Christian	Unknown future adventures	Eckert, Michael	Holy Family University	Hemmingway, Julie	Westminster Choir College
Canca, Sadik	La Salle University	Edelman, Rebecca	BCCC	Hennessy, Aidan	University of Pittsburgh
Cancel, Victoria	University of Pittsburgh	Egan, Scott	BCCC	Hennessy, Reed	University of Georgia
Cariola, Marc	Employed	Einbinder-Schatz, Rebecca	BCCC	Henry, Courtney	BCCC
Carnivale, Heather	Acadia University	Eisenacher, Ryan	University of Pittsburgh	Herder, Avery	Shippensburg University
Carragher, Christopher	Shippensburg University		Military - Army	Herrmann, Kenneth	Bloomsburg University
Carson, Melissa	Kutztown University			Hewlett, Joseph	Employed
Caruso, Nina	University of North			Hodgdon, Anthony	BCCC
				Hoelper, Hoyt Longaker	PSU, University Park
				Hoffman, Nicholas	Lehigh University
				Holz, Justin	BCCC
				Hord, Taylor	Bloomsburg University

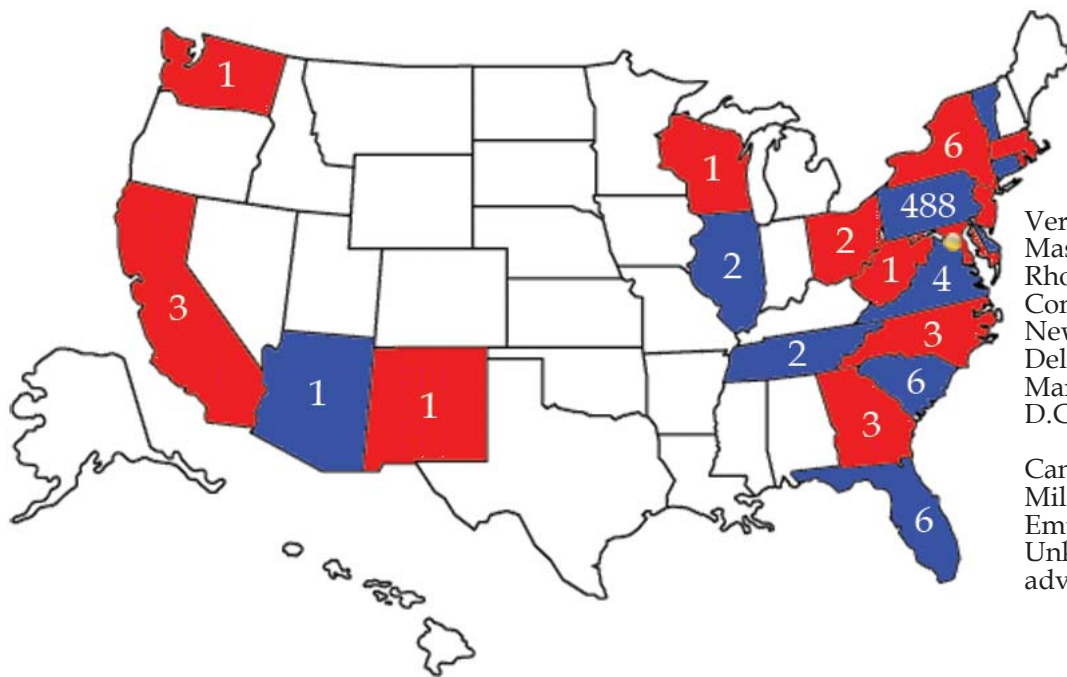
Horwitz, Allison	West Chester University	Majors, Dominique	Technology	Onate-Melecio, Alexa	Unknown future adventures
Housel, Cole	West Chester University	Maldonado, Shalimar	Sinclair Community College	O'Neil, Max	BCCC
Howard-Johnson, Jamiera	Studying cosmetology	Mamie, Joanne	Unknown future adventures	O'Neill-Stevens, Daulton	Military - Army
Hubay, Deidra	Military - Army	Mandia, Amy	Holy Family University	Oppmann, Michael	Kutztown University
Huberfeld, Jesse	West Chester University	Maronski, Justin	PSU, University Park	Orr, Samantha	Mansfield University of Pennsylvania
Hullings, Mark	East Stroudsburg University	Marrington, David	BCCC	Oscar, Pinkay	Bloomsburg University
Incelli, Anthony	Albright College	Martin, Alyssa	PSU, University Park	Oswald, Cheyenne	Bowling Green University
Iovine, Rita	Hallmark Institute of Photography	Martin, Halie	BCCC	Oswald, Margaret	Rider University
Irwin, Tyler	Lackawanna College	Martin, Jonathan	BCCC	Pacitto, Nicholas	BCCC
Iskra, Sage	Bloomsburg University	Martocci, Scott	Career education	Pan, Jenny	University of North Carolina
Jimenez, Brenda	4yr college	Marzi, Taylor	BCCC	Paradissis, Kasey	Chapel Hill
Jones, Dezari	BCCC	Matthews, Tyrek	BCCC	Patel, Brinda	Unknown future adventures
Jones, Jessica	Employed	Matzke, Benjamin	Community College of Philadelphia	Patel, Dhrasti	PSU, Brandywine
Joyce, Jacob	Point Park University	May, Karissa	University of Pittsburgh	Patel, Jay	Temple University
Kalkandi, Eleni	University of the Sciences in Philadelphia	M'Bemba, Latisha	Military - Marines	Patel, Nilkumar	BCCC
Kalman, Dakota	Rider University	McAllister, Christopher	Employed	Patel, Nishil	PSU, University Park
Kapirina, Anna	BCCC	McAnulty, Margaret	West Chester University	Patel, Puja	Temple University
Karagoz, Mehmet	4yr college	McCarthy, Kayleigh	Bloomsburg University	Patel, Sheena M	University of Illinois, Chicago
Katz, Nancy	BCCC	McClain, Karon	Drexel University	Patel, Smit V	PSU, Abington
Kaufman, Allison	Georgetown University	McClave, Mekenzie	Aria Health School of Nursing	Patel, Vishwa	Millersville University
Keenan, Clayton	BCCC	McClermand, Colin	BCCC	Patterson, Austin	BCCC
Keller, Quentin	BCCC	McCormick, Collin	PSU, Abington	Pempton, Taquasia	Georgia State University
Kelley, Wade	BCCC	McCormick, Morgan	BCCC	Perillo, Madalena	Jean Madeline Aveda Institute
Kelly, Joseph	IBEW Local 269 Electrical	McCourt, James	West Chester University	Perko, Noah David	BCCC
Kelly, Nicholas	Temple University	McCoy, Kathryn	King's College	Perlman, Taylor	Unknown future adventures
Keyes, Derek	East Stroudsburg University	McCoy, Noah	Temple University	Perry, Colin	Shippensburg University
Khalupsky, Clark	PSU, University Park	McCullough, Charles	BCCC	Perugini, Christopher	Employed
Khan, Roha	Drexel University	McDevitt, Brenna	BCCC	Peschen, Tyler Jason	Apprenticeship Program
Kim, Daeyoung	Unknown future adventures	McDonald, Casey	Coastal Carolina University	Pharo, Marissa	BCCC
Kim, Yoonjung	Ursinus College	McDonald, Molly	Temple University	Philip, Austin	Drexel University
Kimber, Jenkins	BCCC	McDonald, William	Marine Biology	Piccone, Matthew H	BCCC
Kitchenman, Cale	King's College	McGoldrick, Gillian	Temple University	Plunkett, Brian	PSU, Abington
Klauder, Alyssa	Temple University	McGonigle, Kelsey	Horry-Georgetown Technical College	Pollard, D'Andre A.	Villanova University
Kochanowicz, Kathryn	Gettysburg College	McGovern, Daniel	BCCC	Pomroy, Tylar	St. John's University - Queens Campus
Kohler, Emily	Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering	McHugh, Bailey-Ann	BCCC	Powell, Maixa B	Virginia Commonwealth University
Koller, Briana	BCCC	McIlvaine, Brittany	Holy Family University	Powell, Sydney	Widener University
Konefal, Rachael	Kutztown University	McIntyre, Molly	BCCC	Power, Veronica	Millersville University
Kopenits, Taylor	BCCC	McLennan, Connor	Coastal Carolina University	Pratt, Hashim	Florida Institute of Technology
Korah, Joshua	Temple University	McMahon, Olivia	Holy Family University	Press, Tyler	Bloomsburg University
Kotowski, Konrad	2yr college	McMaster, Kaeli	Delaware State University	Prout, Justin	Employed
Kramer, Justin	University of Tennessee, Knoxville	McMonagle, Joseph	Employed	Qu, Yan Ping	PSU, Abington
Kraus, Tyler	Career Training	McMonagle, Stephen	Temple University	Quinlan, Brianna	BCCC
Kruise, Mark	Shippensburg University	McQueen-Singleton, Naquille	University of Pittsburgh	Rahamatulla, Raheem	Sandalwood Heights
Kulchinsky, Jake	Indiana University of Pennsylvania	Meadows, Jacob	Eastern University	Raykovitz, Christopher	Kutztown University
Kulik, Katherine	Arcadia University	Mendez, Elizabeth	BCCC	Reed, Isacc	Duquesne University
Kurt, Serdar Samet	BCCC	Mendez, Jasmine	BCCC	Reed, Meredith	Temple University
Kurtz, Michael	PSU, University Park	Mendoza, Alexandria	BCCC	Reed, Patrick	BCCC
Lagerman, Colten	BCCC	Mendoza, Felipe	DeSales University	Reid, Katie	Rider University
Laguerre, Richard	BCCC	Merlino, Gabriella	University of Pittsburgh	Reiser, Amanda	George Washington University
Lally, Timothy	BCCC	Meskers, Paige	Shippensburg University	Renman, Jaime	University of Delaware
LaMont, Alyssa	St. Joseph's University	Mettee, Devlin	University of Florida	Repass, Ian	BCCC
Lasalvia, Brianna	Military - Air Force	Miller, Courtney	Alvernia University	Reyes, Laura	West Chester University
Lawless, Katie	PSU, University Park	Miller, Elizabeth	West Chester University	Rhodeside, Brett	PSU, Abington
Lay, Trevor	Lackawanna College	Miller, Michael	BCCC	Rhon, William	Unknown future adventures
Le, Angela	Drexel University	Miller, Victoria	Rider University	Rienzi, Steven	Unknown future adventures
Lee, Colina	Temple University	Mills, Amanda	Holy Family University	Riley, Timothy	College of Charleston
Lee, Rebecca	St. Joseph's University	Minch, Shawn E	BCCC	Riley, Tyler	BCCC
Legette, James	BCCC	Moffitt, David	PSU, Berks	Rittenhouse, Nicholas	Unknown future adventures
Lehman, Kenneth	Shippensburg University	Montgomery, Dakota	Military service	Ritterson, Nicole	BCCC
Leibowitz, Emma	University of Delaware	Mooney, Elizabeth	BCCC	Rivera, Anthony	PSU, University Park
Leinheiser, Lindsay	Kutztown University	Morein, Matthew	Unknown future adventures	Rivera, Christian	Unknown future adventures
Lekatis, Christopher	Pennco Tech	Morelli, Gregory	Universal Technical Institute	Rivera, Raymond	Unknown future adventures
Lentz, Daniel	Saint Joseph's University	Moretti, Christopher	ITT Technical Institute	Roberts, Kaylyn	BCCC
Leventer, Ashley	Northeastern University	Morgan, Daniel	Kutztown University	Rodriguez, Gizzel	BCCC
Levin, Andrew	Indiana University of Pennsylvania	Morozin, Kristen	Drexel University	Rodriguez, Jocelyn	BCCC
Levine, Victoria	PSU, University Park	Mousley, Jessica	Susquehanna University	Roedel, Kyle	Pennco Tech
Leyzerzon, Kimberly	Drexel University	Murray, Anthony	BCCC	Rogers, Brittany	West Chester University
Leyzerzon, Mitchell	PSU, Abington	Murray, Madison	BCCC	Roman, Richard	BCCC
Li, Danny	Georgia Institute of Technology	Murray, Michael	BCCC	Rose, Nikolas	BCCC
Lieberman Jr., Scott	BCCC	Myasoyedov, Konstantin	University of Wisconsin, Madison	Rosengren, Amber	West Virginia University
Lilly, Nicholas	Military - Army Combat	Nellis, Jodi	BCCC	Rosso, Marisa	BCCC
Lindsey, Shawn	Military - Marines	Nelson, Jasper	BCCC	Roth, Lacey	O'More College of Design
Link, Daniel	Military - Marines Police	Nelson, Robert	2yr college	Roton, Alexandra	BCCC
Linkhorst, Thomas	BCCC	Nesim, Bob	BCCC	Rowan, Jamen	BCCC
Liptrot, Bryan	BCCC	Neuber, Justin	4yr college	Royzman, Karina	Temple University
Lisowski, Joseph	The Dave School	Neufville, Marcia	BCCC	Rue, Stephanie	Millersville University
Little, Vincent	Temple University	Nguyen, Michael	BCCC	Ruiz, Maricelo	BCCC
Lorden, Ariel	Unknown future adventures	Nickel, Angelina	Widener University	Rush, Lindsey	California University of Pennsylvania
Lucas, Matthew	Bucks County Tech	Nisovoccia, Nicole	Bucknell University	Ryan, Kerry	Bloomsburg University
Luce, Veronica	Millersville University	Northrup, Alexander	Drexel University	Sabatini, Alexis	BCCC
Maccari, Dominick	ITT Technical Institute	Northrup, Andrew	Millersville University	Sadauskaitė, Gabriele	2yr college
MacDougall, Devon	PSU, University Park	Ockford, Kassie E	Cabrini College	Salomon, Jordyn B	Temple University
Madia, Hannah	Career Training	O'Connell, Kyle	Rochester Institute of Technology	Salvati, Joseph M	BCCC
Magdelinskaskas, Matthew	West Chester University	Ody, Lauren	Shippensburg University	Salvucci, Michael	BCCC
Magill, Sean	Indiana University of Pennsylvania	Offenback, Samantha	Long Island University	Sanson, Angela	Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Maher, Diana	Boston University	Olavarria, Jailene	BCCC		
Maher, Michael	Pennsylvania College of				

Santiago, Jehsus Military
 Santoro, Summer Millersville University
 Sauer, Kelly Temple University
 Sax, Ryan Temple University
 Sayre, Ryan PSU, University Park
 Saywanson, Jonah BCCC
 Schaeffer, Elizabeth Millersville University
 Schaeffer, Jennifer Cortiva Institute
 Schaffer, Jack PSU, University Park
 Schatzan, Jessica Unknown future adventures
 Schenk, Ellie BCCC
 Schroeder, Liam Millersville University
 Schubert, Jestina BCCC
 Schweizer, Andrew BCCC
 Seabra, Jessica Employed
 Serrano, Randy BCCC
 Sharp, Alex Employed
 Shekhterman, Helen Queens College
 Sheldron, Shane Employed
 Shelley, Matthew BCCC
 Shepta, Erin C BCCC
 Sherlock, Austin BCCC
 Shklyaver, Paul Temple University
 Shoemaker, Colin Military
 Shugar, Devon 2yr college
 Shuttleworth, Jeremy BCCC
 Silverman, Madison Bloomsburg University™
 Simcox, Matthew BCCC
 Simms, Tyrell DigiPen Institute of Technology
 Simpson, Kelly 2yr college
 Singh, Rachita Drexel University
 Sio, Emma Warren Wilson College
 Skeels, Kyle Coastal Carolina University
 Skrot, Stephanie University of the Arts
 Smeltzer, Paige BCCC
 Smith, Cayla BCCC
 Smith, Courtney BCCC
 Smith, Donald 2yr college
 Smosny, Richard 2yr college
 Snider Leonhauser, Sarah Ursinus College
 Sommer, Jared BCCC
 Sooby, Jessica Employed
 Sorensen, Eric J BCCC
 Soroka, David Temple University
 Spanudis, Sarah Employed
 Speck, Christian Bloomsburg University
 Spencer, Renee University of Pittsburgh
 Spiliotis, Konstantinos BCCC
 Stabilito, Dominic Muhlenberg College

Stackhouse, Nicholas BCCC
 Stein, Ryley BCCC
 Stevens, Boniface Indiana University of Pennsylvania
 Stevenson, James BCCC
 Stewart, Andrew Temple University
 Stone, Daquon Military - Army
 Stone, Raekwon BCCC
 Stovall, Surina Employed
 Strack, Meghan BCCC
 Stricko, Riley BCCC
 Strope, Lydia BCCC
 Suder, Rachel Bloomsburg University
 Suder, Ryann Bloomsburg University
 Surline, Danielle BCCC
 Sutton, Arseni High Point University
 Sweetser, Connor PSU, University Park
 Synol, Paul J BCCC
 Syvyk, Solomiya American University
 Szymanski, Alexander University of Central Florida
 Tague, Lindsay BCCC
 Tanzillo, Molly Jean Madeline Education
 Taylor, Kenneth Centers for Cosmetology
 Tchourumoff, Julia Gwynedd-Mercy University
 Tener, Nicole University of Pittsburgh
 Terrell, Sean Kutztown University
 Terrell, Courtlyn BCCC
 Tharp, Nicholas Holy Family University
 Thee, Eric Career Education
 Thomas, Brian Arizona State University
 Thomas, Kady Drexel University
 Thomas, Zachary BCCC
 Thorson, Brian BCCC
 Tierney, Erin Employed
 Tierney, Stefanie BCCC
 Tihansky, Emma East Stroudsburg University
 Titlow, Robert BCCC
 Titus, June American University
 Tkachenko, Maxim BCCC
 Tomlinson, Matthew BCCC
 Tracy, Gina DePaul University
 Tranotti, Claire Indiana University of Pennsylvania
 Transue, Ethan Delaware Valley College
 Trench, Brian PSU, University Park
 Trotsyuk, Christina Temple University

Tu, Daniel BCCC
 Tu, Tiffany Temple University
 Tu, Tyler University of Vermont
 Turchi, Mackenzie Holy Family University
 Unrath, Bethanne East Stroudsburg University
 Usewicz, Christina Toni & Guy Hairdressing Academy
 Uva, Joseph BCCC
 Wagner, Michael Employed
 Wales, Patrick Kutztown University
 Walsh, Sean BCCC
 Walter, Timothy BCCC
 Ward, Cassandra Delaware State University
 Wardlaw-Liggins, Jurell Indiana University of Pennsylvania
 Warner, Terry L Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
 Welhaf, Kaitlyn Employed
 Welke, Allison BCCC
 Wells, Emily Temple University
 Wells, Sarah Temple University
 White, Brandon Military - Air Force
 White, James BCCC
 Wiatrowski, Allison Rider University
 Wieselberg, Rebecca LIM College
 Wild, Nicole University of Rhode Island
 Willing, Dustin Bloomsburg University
 Wills, Taylor California State University, Northridge
 Wilson, Kahley Temple University
 Wiseley, Taylor BCCC
 Wojnar, Breana Indiana University of Pennsylvania
 Wolstenholme, Allen BCCC
 Yan, Brandon Lee BCCC
 Yarmoliouk, Oleh (Alex) BCCC
 Yeager, Leah Employed
 Yeagle, Sarah Temple University
 Yeingst, Spencer PSU, Abington
 Yilmaz, Engin Temple University
 Yodis, Matthew BCCC
 Yoo, Iren York College
 Zanolini, Amanda Arcadia University
 Zelonka, Courtney BCCC
 Zukowski, Alyssa Duquesne University
 Zyznowska, Ewa Rider University

Neshaminy grads cover the United States



Vermont: 1
 Mass.: 4
 Rhode Island: 1
 Conn.: 1
 New Jersey: 8
 Delaware: 4
 Maryland: 1
 D.C.: 5

Canada: 1
 Military: 22
 Employed: 33
 Unknown future adventures: 44

Seniors recognized for military commitment decision



Seniors committing to the United States Armed Services were recognized on May 22 at a ceremony to celebrate their decision. Recruiters from the U.S. Marine Corps, Army National Guard, and United States Navy spoke and welcomed the recruits to the Armed Services family. State Representative Frank Farry, representatives from State Sen. Tom Tomlinson and U.S. Senator Mike Fitzpatrick offices also thanked the recruits for their decision. Assistant principal Tom Magdelinskas said, "What separates this group of young men and women that today we are recognizing you and saying 'Thank You' in advance for service to our country." U.S. Marine Corps: Deidra Hubay, Karissa May, Thomas Farley, Shawn Lindsey; Army National Guard: Ryan Eisenacher; U.S. Navy: Melissa Ackerman, Devon DiCesare, Anthony Rivera

Neshaminy destinations with interesting stories



T Temple has the largest on-campus police force in the U.S.

T 39 Neshaminy graduates will be attending Temple University in the Fall

T Temple was founded as a night school for adults; students were dubbed "nightowls." Eventually, "night" was dropped and the Temple Owls were born.



The Berkey Creamery is the largest University creamery in the country.

Pennsylvania State University has the largest living alumni base in the world

On game day, Beaver Stadium becomes the fourth largest city in Pennsylvania.



In the first few years of its existence, all students participated in several gym classes in an organized regimen.

The community of West Chester, which was founded in the 1700s, was initially known as "Turk's Head", after an inn in the area.

Banana Day at West Chester is based Rodolfo Tellez's idea in 1996 to dedicate a day on campus to bananas. In the years it has taken place over 10,000 bananas have been distributed to residents



Bucks County Community College was originally part of the Bucks County Estate, owned by George Tyler. Upon his death, his wife had control over the property. She stated in her will that a portion of her property be given to Temple, later to be bought in 1965 and turned into BCCC. The Commonwealth of PA bought the rest and it is known today as Tyler State Park.



2015 Science Standouts

The Neshaminy High School Science Department would like to recognize the members of the class of 2015 who have taken five or more science classes. Thank you for pursuing a challenging course of study. Your interest in science is admirable and we have appreciated your enthusiasm and curiosity!

Commendable—Five Courses

Amier Abliken AP
Jordan Anjelo
Tim Aungst AP
Alysiana Bagwell
Nicholas Berdomas
Allison Brady
Nina Caruso
Rebecca Choi AP
Erin Coyle AP
Amber DeBolt AP
Madison Dierolf
Rebecca Einbinder-Schatz
Kate Grauel

Jillian Albright
Aubri Asan
Nathan Badgley
Courtney Bashwinger
Amanda Betson
Katlyn Buchys
Emily Cento AP
Morgan Connelly
Alphonso Daniels
Caitlyn Degner
Francesca Donato
Kayla Gowen
Lauren Grzybowski

Taylor Gullick
Jackson Haines
Andy Harnishfeger AP
Ken Herrmann
Brenda Jimenez AP
Nancy Cats
David Kim AP
Katherine Kulik
Dan Lentz
Sean Magill
Amy Mandia
Benjamin Matzke

Victoria Gutman
Cameron Hardman
Steph Harvery AP
Nic Hoffman AP
Jake Joyce
Allison Kaufman AP
Josh Korah
Katie Lawless
Veroinka Luce
JoAnne Mamie
Scott Martocchio
Filipe Mendoza

Gabriella Merlino
Marcia Neufville
Kyle O'Connell AP
Nishil Patel
Amanda Reiser AP
Tyler Riley AP
Kerry Ryan
Paul Shklyaver AP
Boniface Stevens Jr.
Jude Titus
Emily Wells
Dustin Willing
Amanda Zanolin

Jasper Nelson AP
Ashley Nicolette
Lauren Ody AP
Sydney Powell AP
Jaime Benman
Gizzel Rodriguez
Ryan Sayre
Kelli Simpson
Emma Tihansky
Claire Tranotti AP
Brandon White
Spencer Yeingst
Courtney Zelonka

Outstanding—Seven Courses

Zachary Albarran
Julia Barnett AP
Adrienne Berue
Jessie Cerankowski AP
Emily Ciaramella AP
Sarah Dawson AP
Menderes Dum AP
Emily Fithian AP

Senanur Anac
Dante Benincasa
Victoria Cancel
Shruti Chandrasekar AP
Julie Darden AP
Liam Dooley
Tom Farley
Laurence Geisler

Corey Gillmer AP
Eric Gurevich AP
Aiden Hennessy AP
Clark Khalupsky
Emily Hohler AP
Victoria Levine
Danny Li AP
Kaeli McMaster
Elizabeth Miller

Vincent Guidos AP
Lauren Helms
Hoyt Hoelper AP
Roha Khan AP
Angela Le AP
Kimberly Leyzerzon
Chris McAfflister
Paige Mesekers AP
Anthony Murray AP

Angelia Nickel AP
Samantha Orr
Jenny Pan AP
Maiza Powell
Paige Smeltzer
Riley Stricko
Sean Terrell
Rebecca Wiesblberg AP

Nicole Nisivoccia AP
Pinkay Oscar AP
Dhrasti Patel
Kelly Sauer
Renee Spencer
Solomiya Syvvyk AP
Christina Trotsyuk
Alex Yarmoliouk AP

Exceptional—Six Courses

John Brutas AP
Andy Chang
Angela Fridman AP

Yoonjung Kim AP
Celina Lee AP
Kayleigh McCarthy AP

Jacob Meadows AP
Alexander Szymanski AP
Austin Phillip AP

Pachita Singh AP
Puja Patel
Sarah Snider Leonhauser AP

Exemplary—Eight Courses

Deivid Boldarev



SCHOLAR A+HLETES

ABIGAIL, ALEXIS—Field Hockey, Track

ANGJELO, JORDAN—Baseball

BOOP, RUSSELL—Baseball

BUCHYS, KATLYN—Cheerleading

CHAPMAN, ERIC—Cross-Country, Track

CHENEY, EVAN—Tennis

DANGLO, MADISON—Volleyball

DONATO, FRANCESCA—Lacrosse

DOOLEY, LIAM—Track

FISCHER, BRADLEY—Golf

FISHER, SHANNON—Soccer

GARUFFE, CORINNE—Softball

GRAHAM, MATTHEW—Baseball

HAINES, JACKSON—Cross-Country, Track

HAMILTON, EMILY—Cheerleading

HERDER, AVERY—Track

HOFFMAN, NICHOLAS—Cross-Country, Track

ISKRA, SAGE—Track

KRAMER, JUSTIN—Wrestling

LE, ANGELA—Swimming

LENTZ, DANIEL—Track

MAGDELINSKAS, MATTHEW—Football

MAMIE, JOANNE—Lacrosse, Track

MANDIA, AMY—Soccer

MARRINGTON, DAVID—Cross-Country, Track

MATZKE, BENJAMIN—Track

McCORMICK, MORGAN—Lacrosse

McCOY, KATHRYN—Soccer

McDONALD, CASEY—Field Hockey, Track

McMASTER, KAELI—Bowling

MILLER, ELIZABETH—Swimming

MURRAY, ANTHONY—Track

MURRAY, MADISON—Basketball

NISIVOCIA, NICOLE—Soccer

O'CONNELL, KYLE—Track

OFFENBACK, SAMANTHA—Softball

PLUNKETT BRIAN—Track, Cross-Country

POWELL, SYDNEY—Softball

RUSH, LINDSEY—Cheerleading

SHEKHTERMAN, HELEN—Swimming

SKEELS, KYLE—Baseball

SNIDER LEONHAUSER,
SARAH—Softball

TU, TYLER—Tennis

WELLS, EMILY—
Field Hockey, Track

WELLS, SARAH—Field
Hockey, Track

WILD, NICOLE—Softball

ZUKOWSKI, ALYSSA—
Track





Albarran, Zachary - Carl Sandburg PTO, James Smith Memorial Scholarship

Alexis, Abigail - Levittown-Bristol Kiwanis, Senior Class President, Courier Times Scholar Athlete Dick Dougherty Award, Field Hockey Book Scholarship, Gold Athlete

Aslanian, Danny - Distinguished Scholar Music Achievement, Dr. Stanley D. Howell, Essence of Joy

Aungst, Timothy - National Merit Commended Student

Barnett, Julia - Carl Sandburg PTO

Berue, Adrienne - Cheer Scholarship

Bolton, Jaclyn - NHS Instrumental Music Boosters Service

Brewer, Nicole - Carl Sandburg PTO

Buchys, Katlyn - Cheer Scholarship, Silver Athlete, Deby Recupido Memorial Scholarship

Buffardi, Madison - Playwickian Book Scholarship

Buliga, John - Silver Athlete

Bussey, Kiana - Girls Basketball Boosters Scholarship

Caban, Jasmine - Neshaminy Education Foundation, Helen R. Bates Education Major, Dr. Esther M. Wenrich Elementary Teaching Scholarship

Carragher, Chris - Carl Sandburg PTO

Cento, Emily - Carl Sandburg PTO, Walter Miller PTO

Cerra, Seiena - Carl Sandburg PTO

Chamberlin, Jennifer - David Tenenbaum Memorial

Chapman, Eirc - Gold Athlete Outstanding Male, Levittown-Bristol Kiwanis, Senior Class Secretary

Ciamarella Emily - NHS Vocal Music Boosters

Clark, Robert - NHS Vocal Music Boosters, Distinguished Choral Music Achievement, Senior Class VP, Theodore Kloos Award

Cristancho, Diana - NHS Vocal Music Boosters

Cruz, Matt - Langhorne Lions District 14A, Neshaminy Pride and Perseverance

Curran, Carly - NHS Vocal Music Boosters, Distinguished Choral Music Scholar, Langhorne Lions District 14A

Dawson, Sarah - National Honor Society Treasurer

Degner, Caitlyn - Neshaminy High School School Store

DeJesus, Alyssa - Perfect Attendance

Devonshire, Sean - Theodore Kloos Award

Dierolf, Madison - Student Council Historian

Dixon, Alex - NHS Vocal Music Boosters, Distinguished Instrumental Music Achievement, Roy Nelson Award, NHS Instrumental Music Boosters Book

Domasinsky, Rachel - NHS Vocal Music Boosters, Harry M. Dengler Jr. Memorial Music Scholarship, Neshaminy Valley MT Joseph J. McGlade Memorial, Herbert Hoover PTO

Donahue, Mason - Business Academic Certificate

Donato, Francesca - USMC Distinguished Athlete, Silver Athlete

Dooley, Liam - Silver Athlete

Feehey, Jennifer - Silver Athlete

Fischer, Bradley - Business Academic Certificate

Fisher, Shannon - Girls' Soccer Booster Book Scholarship, Senior Class Historian

Frizzelle, Emily - Carl Sandburg PTO

Gibson, Abagal - Carl Sandburg PTO

Gillespie, Riley - Detective Christopher Jones Foundations Community Service

Goetz, Kevin - Silver Athlete

Gulick, Taylor - Margaret Perry Still, Dr. Gary L. Bowman

Gutman, Victoria - Business Academic Certificate

Haines, Jackson - Playwickian Book Scholarship, Gold Athlete

Hamilton, Emily - Silver Athlete

Harris, Taylor - NHS Vocal Music Booster, Carl Sandburg PTO, Walter Miller PTO

Harvey, Stephanie - Playwickian Book Scholarship

Hellyer, Reginald - NHS Vocal Music Scholarship, Frank S. Innocenti, Langhorne Rotary Club-T. Walter Styer Scholarship, Business 2 Business

Hemmingway, Julie - NHS Vocal Music Boosters, Neshaminy Education Foundation, Roy Nelson Award

Hennessy, Reed - Playwickian Book Scholarship

Herder, Avery - Gold Athlete

Hermann, Kenneth - Boys' Soccer Alumni Wm Powell,

Gloria H. Mack Memorial, NHS Vocal Music Boosters

Hoffman, Nicholas - Gold Athlete, Foundations

Community Partnership, McCollick Scholarship

Holz, Justin - Business Academic Certificate

Horwitz, Allison - Neshaminy Educational Support Professional Assn

Iskra, Sage - USMC Semper Fidelis, NHS Instrumental Music Boosters

Kalkandi, Eleni - Feasterville Rotary-Elizabeth Moyer

Kaufman, Allison - Salutatorian

Kim, David - Distinguished Instrumental Music Achievement

Kitchenman, Cale - Silver Athlete

Klauder, Alyssa - Deby Recupido Memorial Scholarship

Kochanowicz, Kathryn - NHS Vocal Music Boosters

Konefal, Rachael - Business Academic Certificate

Kurtz, Michael - Maple Point Middle School Scholarship

Lawless, Katie - NHS Vocal Music Boosters, Perfect Attendance

Le, Angela - Langhorne Rotary Club--T. Walter Styer Scholarship, American Association of University Women

Lee, Celina - National Honor Society VP

Lee, Rebecca - Carl Sandburg PTO

Legette, James - Perfect Attendance

Snider-Leonhauer, Sarah - USMC Scholastic Excellence

Liptrot, Bryan - NHS Instrumental Music Boosters Service

Little, Vincent - Business Academic Certificate

Magdelinskas, Matthew - Gold Athlete, SOL, USMC Distinguished Athlete

Mamie, Joanne - NHS Vocal Music Boosters, Silver Athlete, Jesse Soby Memorial

Mandia, Amy - Girls Soccer Booster Book Scholarship

Marrington, David - Gold Athlete

Matzke, Benjamin - Gold Athlete, Student Council VP

McAllister, Christopher - NHS Instrumental Music Boosters Service

McCormick, Morgan - NHS Vocal Music Boosters, Musical Theater Award, Neshaminy Education Foundation

McCourt, James - Boys' Soccer Alumni Hal Heffelfinger

McCoy, Katie - Girls Soccer Booster Book Scholarship

McDonald, Casey - Silver Athlete

McGoldrick, Gillian - Playwickian Book Scholarship, Levittown-Bristol Kiwanis - Dick Dougherty

McGovern, Dan - Carl Sandburg PTO

McLennan, Connor - Business Academic Certificate, Sandburg PTO

Meadows, Jacob - USMC Scholastic Excellence, National Merit Finalist, Valedictorian, Neshaminy High School Science, Carl Sandburg PTO, Perfect Attendance

Merlino, Gabriella - Feasterville Business Association, Neshaminy Federation of Teachers Book, Poquessing Middle School PTO, Lower Southampton Elementary School PTO

Mihmat, Yusuf - Business Academic Certificate

Miller, Courtney - United Way of Bucks Co - Paul Sauerbry Community Service, Detective Christopher Jones Foundation Community Service

Mooney, Elizabeth - Distinguished Instrumental Music Achievement, Carl Sandburg PTO, NHS Instrumental Music Boosters Service, Langhorne Borough Bus Assn Clayton Thomas Memorial

Morein, Matthew - Sean Costello

Murray, Anthony - Courier Times John Fisher Citizen Scholar Award, National Merit Winner, Salutatorian, Silver Athlete

Murray, Madison - Girls Basketball Boosters Scholarship

Murray, Michael - Langhorne Borough Bus Assn Clayton Thomas Memorial

Nelson, Jasper - Distinguished Choral Music Scholar,

National Merit Commended Student

Nisivoccia, Nicole - Girls Soccer Booster Book Scholarship

Northrup, Alexander - USMC Semper Fidelis, Perfect Attendance, NHS Instrumental Music Boosters Service, Distinguished Scholar Music Achievement, NHS Instrumental Music Boosters Book

O'Connell, Kyle - Herbert Hoover PTO

Ody, Lauren - Ila Federkeil Scholarship

Oswald, Cheyenne - Gold Athlete Outstanding Female

Pan, Jenny - National Honor Society Book, National Honor Society President, Neshaminy High School Science,

Patel, Smit - Business Academic Certificate

Patterson, Austin - Business Academic Certificate

Perguini, Christopher - American Choral Music Scholar

Phillip, Austin - National Honor Society Secretary

Piccone, Matthew - Middletown Lions Pride

Plunkett, Brian - Gold Athlete

Powell, Sydney - Silver Athlete

Power, Veronica - Helen R. Bates One-Time Book Scholarship

Resier, Amanda - NHS Vocal Music Boosters

Renman, Jaime - Filed Hockey Book Scholarship

Ritterson, Nicole - LSAA Eric Hanson Memorial

Rodriguez, Jocelyn - Middletown Lions Pride

Rue, Stephanie - Distinguished Scholar Music Achievement, Neshaminy Valley M T Evelyn McLean Memorial, NHS Instrumental Music Boosters Book

Sanson, Angela - NHS Vocal Music Boosters, Student Council Secretary/Treasurer, Christopher Reid

Schenk, Ellie - NHS Vocal Music Boosters

Sharp, Alex - Business Academic Certificate

Silverman, Madison - Maple Point Middle School Scholarship

Smith, Courtney - Perfect Attendance

Speck, Cristian - NHS Instrumental Music Boosters Book

Stewart, Andrew - Business Academic Certificate

Strope, Lydia - Dr. Joseph E. Ferderbar

Suder, Rachel - Christopher Reid

Taylor, Kenneth - Business Academic Certificate

Tchourumoff, Julia - NHS Vocal Music Boosters, Student Council President, Lower Southampton Elementary School PTO

Terrill, Courtney - Silver Athlete

Thomas, Brian - Feasterville Business Association, NHS Vocal Music Boosters, Feasterville Rotary-Elizabeth Moyer, American Choral Directors Assn, Distinguished Choral Music Scholar, Neshaminy Federation of Teachers Book, Senior Class Treasurer, Shady Brook Rotary

Titus, June - Distinguished Instrumental Music Achievement

Transue, Ethan - Business Academic Certificate

Walter, Timothy - Detective Christopher Jones Foundation Criminal Justice

Warner, Terry - NHS Instrumental Music Boosters Service

Wells, Emily - Field Hockey Book Scholarship, Silver Athlete

Wells, Sarah - Field Hockey Book Scholarship, PA Association of School Retirees, Neshaminy Education Foundation, Dr. Esther M. Wenrich Elementary Teaching Scholarship, Helen R. Bates Education Major

Wiatrowski, Allison - NHS Vocal Music Boosters, Musical Theater Award, Neshaminy Summer Stock Boosters, Distinguished Choral Music Achievement, Neshaminy Valley M T Doti Gelenberg Honorary, Carl Sandburg PTO, Neshaminy High School Drama

Willing, Dustin - Silver Athlete

Wiseley, Taylor - Sean Costello

Wolstenholme, Allen - Business Academic Certificate, Poquessing Middle School PTO

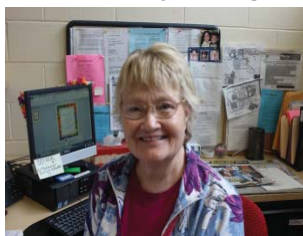
Yarmoliouk, Oleh - Eugene F. Birkhead Jr. Memorial Scholarship

Yeagle, Sarah - NHS Instrumental Music Boosters Service

Zukowski, Alyssa - Silver Athlete

Becky Spinelli

25 years as Building Aid & Attendance Clerk & Secretary: Becky Spinelli loves working with kids and is proud to have watched so many students grow and mature in their four years at Neshaminy.

Kathy Craig

28 years as Clerk Typer and in the Transcript Office: Kathy Craig's advice to students is that every student should graduate and show respect to everyone they meet.

Marie Stuart

21 years as a Dining room aid & Card Typist & Secretary: Marie Stuart enjoyed her years at Neshaminy and was particularly impressed by the students who have overcome great challenges in their lives.

Mary Immordino

33 years as initially a volunteer & later, Guidance Secretary: "I believe God puts certain people in our lives for many reasons. Whatever purpose and plans God had for bringing many of us together, I'm just thankful that he did; for the students, guidance department staff and families in the Neshaminy Community have been a source of great joy and inspiration in my life."

Fred Recupido

Food Services: Patricia Kearney, Joanne Saba, Jennifer Richardson

*Dennis Howie*

How long have you worked at Neshaminy? How was your experience?

I began teaching 6th grade English at Carl Sandburg in 1993. I loved the energy of the students and the sometimes chaotic mix of academics, athletics, and hobbies that I have only experienced there. I transferred to the high school several years later, mostly for the opportunity to teach some of the Great Books. I found myself becoming increasingly focused on being an English teacher. I was approached by a student, Kristen McCreary (nee Horne), about starting an English club inspired by The Dead Poets Society. We then began a monthly writing club, and these were serious clubs. In many ways, these club sessions, especially early on, were very much how I imagined a perfect classroom: no grades, just ideas and work and collegial interactions.

What is the most significant moment of your career?

I can't reduce my career to one significant moment; instead, it is more of a mosaic photo portrait, like the ones of Lincoln, where each distinct image stands alone but also serves to fill in a greater image that one only sees by stepping away, by literally distancing oneself from the piece. I have a wonderful collection of memories.

How do you view high school students?

I discovered quickly that high school students are some of the greatest truth tellers, and they love to state truths with a powerful bluntness.

Do you have any student(s) who has/have influenced you specifically over the years?

Every teacher has that group of students who influenced him, and my list would be too long to print here. I think of the students who early on showed me that teens were capable of handling big ideas and minute details. I think of the student who challenged me to say one nice, specific trait about each student in the class, and I think of the student whose forgiveness of a thoughtless and clumsy comment resonates with me today. I think of the student who, when he heard I allowed a hungry student to eat in class, set up an entire Chinese meal on his desk, showing me the importance of establishing reasonable limits. I think of the student who became my club president, then a babysitter for my son, then my student teacher, then my colleague but, most importantly, my little sister.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Collegial relationships are really at the heart of teaching. I sought out the best teachers as my de facto mentors, and I listened constantly and carefully. Each had crafted an idiosyncratic style. I learned that there really was no one way to be excellent, and the most mediocre teachers seemed to be the ones who accepted a model—a style, really—that was unnatural to them. My relationships with my colleagues, from my work wife to my hallway nemesis, ended up meaning the world to me. I loved coming to work with these people. I guess an unexpected theme here is that I loved people more than I expected to. Imagine that.

Debbie Bentman

Have you always taught only psychology?

I actually fell into it. When I subbed, I subbed everything at Neshaminy since 1971 until I finally received my contract in 1984. In the middle of the year there was a need for another teacher and the social studies classrooms were extremely large. At that point we had a different department chair, his name was Mr. Wikoski. He told me that he is trying to fight for establishing three new classes in the morning, that's how I started the half a day, and I would be teaching three preps. I was teaching 9th grade history and 10th grade psychology. After that, there was Bob Wilson, who had been teaching psychology and was moving up to administration. None of my colleagues wanted to teach psychology and he had five straight psychology classes. He turned around and said give it to Debbie and that's how I got it, and from then on, from 1983 on that's all I taught.



What influenced you to become a teacher of psychology?

Mr. Wilson encouraged me and it was part of the social studies department and he felt that I had the talent for it. I went to Penn State and got my master's degree in psychology. I found out later that I have an ancestor who was some famous psychologist, so I figure it's meant to be. Social Studies is a male dominant subject and for almost 18 years I was the only female in the department. In the beginning, the men just didn't want to teach the social sciences, they wanted to teach the history and it was automatically pushed to me. Now, it's much more integrated.

Has there been a specific significant moment in your career?

Some of the senior pranks were really funny. The building used to be one floor and the heating devices were below ground and in the room I taught in, you could open up a trap door and go in. For the teacher next door to me, the room was apparently empty one period, so the seniors took the desks and put them below ground and when he returned, the room was totally empty. He continued to teach with them standing up.

How do you view high school students?

Someone asked me the other day, how kids are different from when you started teaching in 1971. They're, you're, all the same. The only change is the technology. Right now, we have to worry about phones, but there was a time when we had to worry about pagers going off. Then they had the boom boxes; kids would literally walk by and blast them. Kids are kids. I've seen a lot of changes, but the students have not changed much.

Is there a specific statement you'd like to add about your retirement?

I started here as unmarried and with a different last name, then I got married, and then I had children and now I have grandchildren, I grew up in this district. For the students: just work hard. Sometimes success doesn't come right away, but stay with it and it'll pay off. Just with me, I've always wanted to be a teacher and I came out and couldn't get a job. I was offered jobs outside of teaching and I had the chance to work full time and subbing wasn't reliable because you never knew when you're going to be working. But, when you want and love something, just work hard for it and it will come, just maybe not immediately.



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MELISSA BAUERLE



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JAMES
MALONEY



MOST EMOTIONAL
CHRIS DICICCO



MOST LIKELY TO
REPEAT JOKES
JEFF DUNKLEY



MOST LIKELY TO
SURVIVE GYM
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A large collage of people in various costumes and mascot outfits, including KU, MIT, Phillie Phanatic, Temple, Villanova, and American. A text box in the bottom left corner reads "Playwickian Editors 2014-2015".