



# Good News Bulletin

## April 2021

### APRIL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:

We are proud to announce The Students of the Month have been selected for April 2021. They are:

**Freshman – Julia Giaquinto**  
**Sophomore – Gabriel Kelmanskiy**  
**Junior – Olivia Villare**  
**Senior – Ryan Fiore**

The above students have met the following Criteria:

1. Must meet high academic standards in class.
  2. Exhibit positive character and influence on class/school, dignity, respect, trustworthiness, responsibility, caring, and citizenship.
  3. No unexcused lates of any kind for the month.
- No discipline referrals in the last month.  
Congratulations to all of you!



**MTHS Varsity Golf** - Nabeel Zafar, a varsity member of the golf team, got a hole-in-one last Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at Concordia Golf Club. He achieved this amazing feat on the Par 3, 162 yard 7<sup>th</sup> hole.



## ATHLETIC GMC AWARDS



Congratulations, Joanna Giustino!!!!!!  
2021

Greater Middlesex County  
Scholar Athlete Award recipient



Congratulations, Nina Branchizio!!!!!!  
2021

National Association of Girls and Women in  
Sports Award recipient



Congratulations, Aidan Judge!!!!!!  
2021

Greater Middlesex County  
Scholar Athlete Award recipient



Congratulations, Rosaleen Regan!!!!!!  
2021

Greater Middlesex County  
Sportsmanship Award recipient

## **ATHLETIC GMC AWARDS CONT'D**



Congratulations, Christian Cipolletta!!!!!!

2021

Greater Middlesex County  
Sportsmanship Award recipient



Congratulations, Audrey Lynch!!!!!!

2021

New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association  
Scholar Athlete Award recipient



# NEWSLETTER

March 22, 2021

## Jersey Pits Rescue



### About Jersey Pits Rescue

Jersey Pits Rescue, Inc. is a foster-based animal rescue group located in Garwood, New Jersey. Owners, Kay and Dani, have been involved with rescuing Pitbulls since they were 14 years old. In 2018, they started the organization to focus on the many Pitbulls killed in local shelters. Their mission is to provide necessary care for stray, abandoned, and surrendered dogs for the purpose of finding them loving, permanent homes. They also provide medical care and financial aid to prevent overpopulation through spaying and neutering. They aim to inform and educate the community on the importance of spaying and neutering their dogs and the proper way to care for their animals. In 2019, they adopted significantly more Pitbulls than any other shelter in the area.

### How Can You Help?

All of the dogs that are available to adopt or foster are located on their website. Also, once you turn 18, you are eligible to volunteer. Volunteers assist with transporting dogs to and from vet appointments, processing applications, fundraising, and helping the dogs socialize. You can also donate supplies from their Amazon WishList or donate directly through Facebook, Venmo, or PayPal. They also have merchandise and 100% of the proceeds go back into helping the rescue. If you can't do any of these things, simply sharing any of their information is a big help. Their Instagram and Facebook accounts are listed below.



### Meet Some of the Dogs

Kane was brought to a local animal control facility experiencing a prolapsed rectum that his family could not afford to treat. He has since received the required medical attention and is cleared for adoption! Kane has remained so sweet and yearns for affection despite all he's been through.

Kane is about 8 years old and is great with other dogs. He would love to cuddle on the couch with you or go for a walk. He desperately craves companionship and will be the most loyal friend you could ever ask for. Kane is about 45 pounds and walks

nicely on a leash. He is eager to find his forever home and family.

## MTHS Paws For Cause cont'd



Two weeks after nearly losing his life in a brutal attack, 10-year-old Bubba was released from the hospital. Bubba has been a good boy for our staff and is in a quiet area where he can decompress and continue to get the medical care he needs. Bubba is being kept on rest with minimal walking and is chilling out right now in his own room.

What Bubba really needs is a very special foster home to allow his body to recover as he begins to open his heart to trust and love. After all Bubba has been through, we want to ensure that he finds the right match in a foster / adoptive family. Given his age and medical complications, we are taking things one day at a time for Bubba. Bubba will need a dog-savvy medical foster home without another dog or children to recover and decompress.



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[www.jerseypitsrescue.com](http://www.jerseypitsrescue.com)



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**You can check out the other newsletters and upcoming club member's pet photos on the Paws For Cause Instagram page: @paws\_for\_a\_cause\_2021**

**The chosen organization that the club will be fundraising for is...**

### **Luv Furever Animal Rescue**

"Luv Furever Animal Rescue is a group of volunteers dedicated to saving the lives of animals from kill shelters. These animals have ended up in shelters through no fault of their own and do not deserve to die. Our volunteers foster the animals in their home until we are able to find a perfect forever home for each animal based on their individual needs." - Luv Furever Animal Rescue



**Feel free to check out the organization's website and stay tuned for more information on how we will be donating/fundraising this year!**

<http://www.luvfureveranimalrescue.org/>

## MTHS CLUB UPDATES



### Key Club

New Jersey District Board of Key Club International held their 75th Annual District Educational Conference ("DECON"), where Key Clubs and Board Members were recognized for their outstanding service and dedication throughout the service year.

The Monroe Township High School Key Club was recognized in the following categories:

- Lieutenant Governor of Division 11 for the New Jersey District of Key Club International, **Matthew Yuro**, was awarded the Outstanding Lieutenant Governor Award, the Barrie H. Werfel Outstanding Board Member Award, and the Robert F. Lucas Outstanding Lieutenant Governor Award
- **Steven Yuro** was elected the Lieutenant Governor of Division 8 for the New Jersey District of Key Club International for the 2021-2022 service year

Other MTHS students who won positions on the New Jersey District Board for the 2021-2022 service year:

- **Kenneth Sicat**, Lieutenant Governor of Division 19
- **Eric Wong**, District Treasurer
- **Sana Kakumanu**, District Editor

The Monroe Township High School Key Club also won many awards at DECON, including:

- 1st Place - Club Video Award Contest (created by **Sana Kakumanu**)
- 1st Place - Club Digital Poster Contest (created by **Lindsay Harrington**)
- 3rd Place - T-Shirt Design Contest (created by **Grace Ferguson**)

The Monroe Township High School Key Club was also acknowledged as a Distinguished Club by Key Club International, as well as won the Early Bird Award for submitting dues early.

The Senior Scholarship winners were also announced from the New Jersey District Board at DECON:

- **Matthew Yuro** - John Johnson Memorial Scholarship
- **Taylor Brown** - Past New Jersey District Board Governor's Scholarship

The Monroe Township High School Key Club Officers were also awarded the Distinguished Officers Award at DECON for their outstanding performance and dedication throughout the service year!

- President **Ethan Henley**
- Vice President **Taylor Brown**
- Secretary **Grace Ferguson**
- Treasurer **Franny Dinicola**
- Webmaster **Lauren Lisojo**

**Sana Kakumanu** was awarded for winning first place in the following two contests:

- Environmental Awareness Contest
- Back to School Poster Contest

## MTHS CLUB UPDATES



Luv Michael is a non-profit that advocates for autism acceptance and supports meaningful and fulfilling lives for autistic adults. Luv Micheal runs a bakery out of NYC – that employs and trains autistic adults in the culinary field.

The volunteer activity required them to reach out to people and have a conversation about the work Luv Micheal does and how they can donate. They earned 40 volunteer service hours. The three students are: Eric Wong ,Vania Chawla and Ryan Singh.

### Key Club Fundraiser

Our club raised \$681 by our deadline!

All of that money is to be spent on helping bring clean water to those in need

We would like to recognize Isabella Perezic and Rianna Marku for bringing in the most donations to the campaign!



**Economics and Finance Team** – MTHS had three teams place in the top 5 in the state at the 2021 New Jersey Personal Finance Challenge. The student teams were: (Anurag Nimmala, Anirudh Reddy, Nishk Patel, Max Zhang), (Tanav Sureddy, Shiven Patel, Gabriel Kelmanskiy, Faizaan Ayub), (Raj Patel, Raj Shah, Suraj Biju)

### **National Art Honor Society**

- 10th grader Sana Kakumanu was chosen as Artsonia's "Artist of the Week" with 1099 votes for the week of April 25th! She will be receiving a plaque to commemorate the win, along with a \$50 Blick Arts gift



### **Rho Kappa Social Studies National Honor Society**

- Rho Kappa's Free Rice Competition was held the week of April 25th. Volunteers answered trivia questions and for each question answered correctly an amount of rice is donated to families in need. This year MTHS participants raised 421,840 grains of rice for the UN World Food Programme. That is enough rice to feed almost 22 people for the day!

*We are very proud of all of our students and their accomplishments!*

