



# Good News Bulletin

## May 2017

### MAY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:

We are proud to announce The Students of the Month have been selected for May 2017. They are:

Freshman – Samantha Carella

Sophomore – Jenna Valvano

Junior – Philipp Latosh

Senior – Emma Trask

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!

**HELPING HANDS** On June 1<sup>st</sup> Ms. Schwartz's Holocaust and Genocide Class dedicated a beautiful "Peace Bench" to honor Holocaust survivors outside the PAC. The bench was constructed by Mr. Daniel Lombardi and his students. The project was part of a grant that was funded by the Henry Ricklis Holocaust Memorial Committee. Ms. Schwartz's class honored survivors by reading speeches, poems, and sharing an IMovie presentation. The bench reads: In memory of those who had the strength, courage, and hope to persevere... you taught us to love, not hate.



## MTHS Girls Lacrosse

On May 9, 2017 **Kara Turco** scored her 400<sup>th</sup> career point at the 1<sup>st</sup> Round GMC against South Plainfield with a 21-5 WIN! She is the school's all-time leading scorer! Congratulations, Kara!



### LACROSSE



#### MTHS Girls' Lacrosse Win GMC Championship

The Monroe Township Girls' Lacrosse Team won its first-ever County Championship finishing the season with a 12-8 overall record. The Falcons upset #1 seed Old Bridge 15-8 in the Greater Middlesex Conference Championship Game. The Falcons led from start to finish in an exciting game. Congratulations!

Congratulations to the Boys' Lacrosse team who won their 4<sup>th</sup> Division Title.

### YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT



**CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER for MS. LAURA GRANETT, MTHS Youth & Government Service Award Winner!**

The Youth and Government Program has been awarding the John F. Sly Service to Youth Award yearly since 1941 to an individual that has made a significant contribution or impact on the program. Previous recipients have included State Senators and Assemblypersons, Program Coordinators, Delegation Advisors, and others whose dedication to the program has both impacted the students and the program as a whole.

This year, the John F. Sly Service to Youth Award was presented to Laura Granett, our Monroe Township HS Delegation Advisor.

Laura has advised Monroe's Youth and Government Delegation for the past 13 years, beginning with her first year as a teacher. Throughout Laura's tenure as the advisor, the Monroe Township Delegation has consistently achieved Outstanding or Premier Delegation and countless students have achieved individual successes each year. Laura's dedication to the program and her students is evident in these achievements.

Congratulations on being recognized with this well-deserved award!



## **YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**

Through the hard work and dedication of our students, the Monroe Township Youth and Government Delegation achieved many accolades at this year's conference. Monroe is the largest delegation and we consistently achieve Outstanding or Premier Delegation each year. This year was no different. Please congratulate the students below for their individual achievements.

### **Youth and Government Advisor**

Outstanding Delegation – **Monroe Township**

Outstanding Statesman, Kean / Livingston Senate – **Pranav Mallampalli**

Outstanding Statesman, Press – **Rishik Narayana**

Outstanding Written Legislation – **Anshul Rana**

Premier Officer - **Ariana Yousafzai**

Best Judicial Brief – **Karina Thanawala, Rithika Reddy, Parineeka Awasarmol**

Governor's Cabinet, Commissioner of Health – **Ariana Yousafzai**

Governor's Cabinet, Commissioner of Human Services - **Shrina Parikh**

Kean / Livingston Senate President – **Pranav Mallampalli**

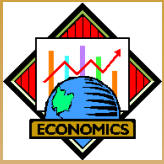
Successfully Passed Legislation – **Shreya Parikh, Akhilesh Reddy, Ananth Uchila**

Conference on National Affairs, CONA (prestigious nation-wide selection) – **Ariana Yousafzai, Shrina Parikh, Rishik Narayana, Pranav Mallampali**

CONA Alternates – **Nidhi Shah, Dan Hommer**







The Economics & Finance Team competed at the National Personal Finance Challenge on May 5th at the Federal Reserve of Kansas City. The National Personal Finance Challenge is an opportunity for state winners to compete against one another by providing financial advice for a fictitious family with respect to budgeting, investing, and management of household finances. Our team of **Nishant Nagalia**, **Sahil Parikh**, **Ritik Patel** and **Waheed Zafar** earned an impressive 4th place finish.



## VIDEO PRODUCTION

MTHS Video Production students, once again, won an award for their work in the New Jersey High School Film Challenge. On May 25<sup>th</sup>, three teams of Monroe's Video Production students, along with teachers, Boris Hladek and Larissa Miller, attended the Film Challenge workshops and awards ceremony at Jackson Liberty High School. The entry produced by **Jessica Antonacci**, **Joseph Vitale**, and **Tristan Vidal** won the "Best Performance" award.

In April, student teams from around the state had five days to write, film, edit, and submit a project based on a prompt and following specific guidelines. The top 20 entries were screened at the May 25<sup>th</sup> event, followed by the awards ceremony. While MTHS entries have won "Best Overall," "Best Comedy," and "Audience Choice" (two times) since 2013, this is the first year that our students have won this particular award.



## PERSONAL FINANCE

### Assessments in a different way!

Students in Mrs. Holmes's Personal Finance classes have been learning a variety of ways to show their understanding of concepts learned in class. For one performance assessment, students were given the task of creating song lyrics and a music video or live performance to show their understanding of the "Banking" unit. They worked for three days to create original lyrics and a musical performance piece. Staff judges and students in each class voted for their favorite and the winners of Personal Finance Idol were:

**Block 2A: 1<sup>st</sup> place** = Single artist "GD CD" (featuring **Brandon Santiago, Jacob LaRaia, and Jagjit Chauhan**) also known as George Drake with his song "Back In The Bank"

**Runner up** = Single artist "Dan" also known as **Dan DeLeon** with his song "Bundles"

**Block 3A: 1<sup>st</sup> place** = The band "Financial Five" of **Gilbert Wong, Jesus Ramirez, Ryan Boguslavsky, Erin Glynn, and Janae Miller** with their song "Lucky For You I'm Endorsed"

**Runner up** = Single artist "JP" also known as **Jonathan Paradiso** with his song "Save, Save, Save"

**Block 4A: 1<sup>st</sup> place** = The band "IKE" of **Ella Kim, Kayla Dugan, and Isabelle Zielinski** with their song "No Millionaire"

**Runners up** = The band "Notes In Between" of **Ryley McKiernan and Alex Winkle** with their song "Money is the Law"

**Block 2B: 1<sup>st</sup> place** = Single artist "Tris Ghastly" also known as **Tristan Vidal** with his song "Never Gonna Spend It Up"

**Runners up:** The band "Skoby Quintet" of **Matt Skobelev, Dan Doss, Kyle Siegel, Yashashvardhan Sharma, and Rushil Parikh** with their song "I'm Solvent and I Know It"

**Block 4B: 1<sup>st</sup> place** = The band of "bAtt" also known as **Matt Fekete and Barrett Linke** with their song "Valid Checks"

**Runners up** = The band "Band on a Budget" also known as Waverli Chu, **Brianna Barbarise, Peter Toto, and Anudeep Kantamneni** with their song "Saving Queen"



## CHORUS

Seven Monroe Township High School students were accepted into All-State Chorus for the 2017-2018 school year. Our students auditioned alongside over 1,100 high school students from schools within the entire state of New Jersey to earn a position within the ensemble. The choral program is proud to congratulate the following students on this wonderful accomplishment: **Gabriella Jimenez, Amanda Skuraton, Jessica Skuraton, Trisha Shringare, Kausthub Vedantham, Taylor Viana and Antonio Zarco**. These seven students earning All-State honors is the most Monroe Township School District has had in over 20 years! Congratulations to Ms. Arielle Klein on leading her students to this wonderful accomplishment; in her first year as our district's Choral Director, which operates within the Department for the Applied Arts and Careers Technology.

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