



Good News Bulletin

March/April 2020



MTHS COMMUNITY SERVICE

Students from M.T.H.S. assembled 100 Spring Treat bags for children of families in need that receive a monthly food distribution from *The Deacons' Food Cupboard* in Jamesburg. Each bag included a variety of delicious treats. The students also prepared 100 shopping bags to be used for the monthly food distribution. The students that assembled the bags were **Caitlin Belko, Sasha Jacques, and Carson Riley** along with paraprofessional **Nydia Santiago. Erica Friedman**, the District Transition Coordinator and Structured Learning Experience Educator at M.T.H.S. has partnered with the food pantry for many years along with her students to lend helping hands. John Drozdowski, one of the coordinators at the cupboard was so appreciative of the nice work the students accomplished. He was especially thankful that he was able to pick-up the bags on March 12th before we went on Remote Learning.



COLLEGE AND CAREER COUNSELING

Congratulations to **Ipsa Mishra**, who has been selected for this summer's New Jersey Scholars Program, *Mind and Body: The Future of Being Human*.



Congratulations to our 2020 Middlesex *Unsung Heroes* recipients **Matthew Yuro** and **James Osadchuk**!

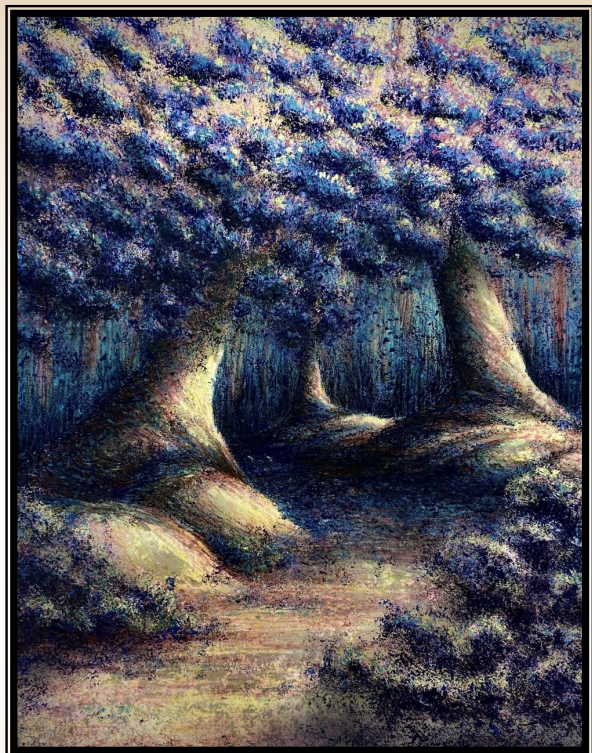
Each year, Middlesex County School Boards Association and Middlesex County Association of School Administrators recognize a junior and senior from each high school in Middlesex County. The honorees are our schools' "unsung heroes/heroines." Due to the current health crisis, these students could not be honored at the annual dinner. A video was created to celebrate these students.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RQzAQ33d1s8&t=4s>



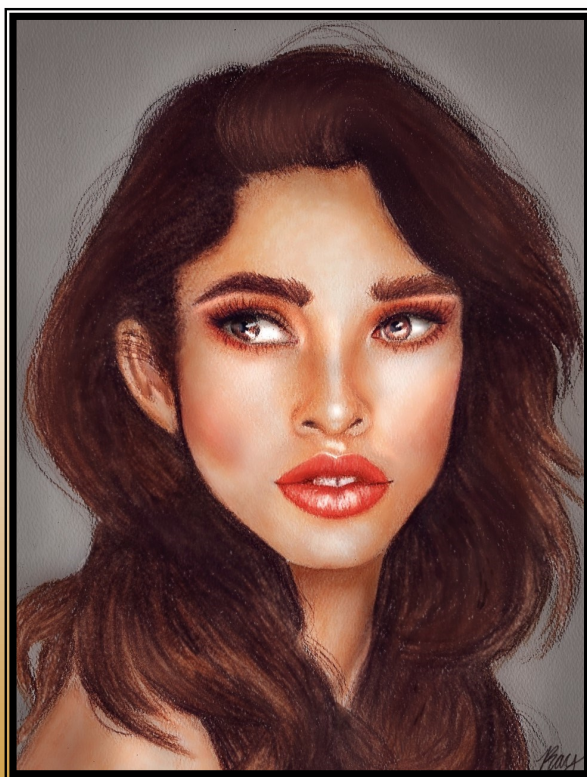
ART

Maria Naumik had two students participate in the 2020 Spring Art contest sponsored by Celebrating Art and Blick Art Materials. Congratulations to 11th grader **Emma Heiser** on having *A Journey Through The Woods* and *PRETTY* by 11th grader Rachel Hanan. They were both selected for publication of the CELEBRATING ARTS hardbound anthology. This message was sent from the contest; "These students should feel honored as thousands of entrants were not invited to be published. Publishing the high merit artwork from the contest creates a record of what is important to today's students. Without this publication, the entries that reflect the unique creativity and talent of the youth will be lost forever." Congratulations to the both of you on this wonderful accomplishment!



A Journey Through The Woods
by **Emma Heiser**

Pretty by **Rachel Hanan**





HOSA

MTHS's HOSA club competed in the HOSA Virtual State Leadership Conference, April 10th – 17th. This conference normally takes place at the Middlesex Community College. However, because of our State's current situation, it was held virtually.

Our competitors were **Allyson Fu, Manshita Kaur, Aarav Modi, Dhruv Reddy, Nikki Shah, Ishaan Sharan, Tanush Swaminathan, Ashley Thoonkuzhy, and Dhruv Vaidya.**

Congratulations to **Allyson Fu** and **Dhruv Reddy** for placing in their events!

Health Science: Behavioral Health
Allyson Fu – 4th Place

Health Science: Pathophysiology
Dhruv Reddy – 3rd Place



RHO KAPPA NATIONAL SOCIAL STUDIES HONOR SOCIETY

The Rho Kappa National Social Studies Honor Society was planning a trivia contest to earn free rice for the [UN World Food Programme](#). Instead of canceling the event, they encouraged students to participate at home. The WFP is already working to address the impact of the Coronavirus on the most vulnerable populations.

On Tuesday, March 24th they held the MTHS Free Rice Event. Students and their families were able to play anytime throughout the day. "As you play Freerice and answer questions right, advertisements appear on your screen. When you see one of these advertisements, you trigger a financial payment to the [World Food Programme \(WFP\)](#) to support its work saving and changing lives around the world.

In the game, these payments are represented via grains of rice. The amount of money generated when you see an advertisement can vary, but is roughly equivalent to what the World Food Programme spends to purchase 10 grains of rice.

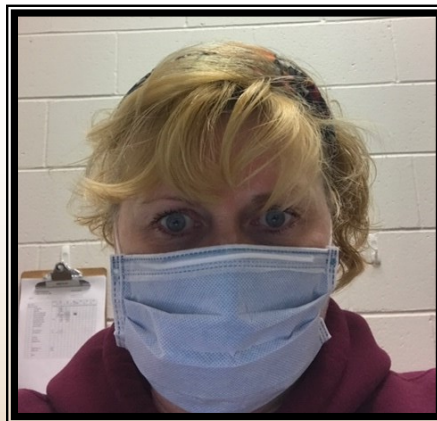
By playing, you are generating the money that pays for this rice. This money is used for many types of assistance — not just rice — depending on where needs are greatest. Regardless of the type of assistance, you can be sure that 100% of all funds generated on Freerice go to the World Food Programme, and 93.5% of every payment received by the World Food Programme goes directly towards helping children and their families. Freerice does not earn or keep any money it raises."



FOOD SERVICES

One of the good news stories during the Covid-19 crisis has been the district's commitment to those students who suffer food insecurity. Since March 18th, our High School Manager, **Diane Fidacaro** and our Chef, **Helen Calvello** have been preparing lunches for Monroe Township students who are on the free and reduced lunch program. This has provided families with much needed food during these exceptionally difficult times. The Monroe Township Police Department along with our security department have made home delivery of the meals.

There are staff members who have stepped up and are on the front line providing an essential service to students in our school community. We are filled with a tremendous amount of gratitude for their service at this time.





ECONOMICS AND FINANCE TEAM

The Economics & Finance Team had 17 members participate in the 2020 New Jersey Finance Challenge. This is a highly competitive event that challenges students to showcase their knowledge of earning income, buying goods and services, saving, using credit, financial investing, and protecting/insuring. Their outstanding performance is a direct result of their hard work, interest in finance and the financial literacy program at the high school. All of the personal finance teachers have played a role in preparing these students for success. Congratulations to the MTHS teams for their efforts and performance among the 79 teams competing! The 1st place team will represent NJ in the Online Preliminary Championship round on May 1st.

1st Place: Anirudh Reddy, Anurag Nimmala and Max Zhang

4th Place: Riya Desai, Neha Nirantar, Mahi Purohit and Cynthia Zhang

9th Place: Richard Huang, Harivadan Koppuri and Akash Reddy

10th Place: Yash Chennawar, Gabriel Kelmanskiy, Ishaan Salaskar and Tanav Sureddy

Honorable Mention: Amani Modi, Vinay Patel and Yashwanth Velayudham

Outstanding Individual Performance [based on top individual scores]

Anirudh Reddy (290 points)

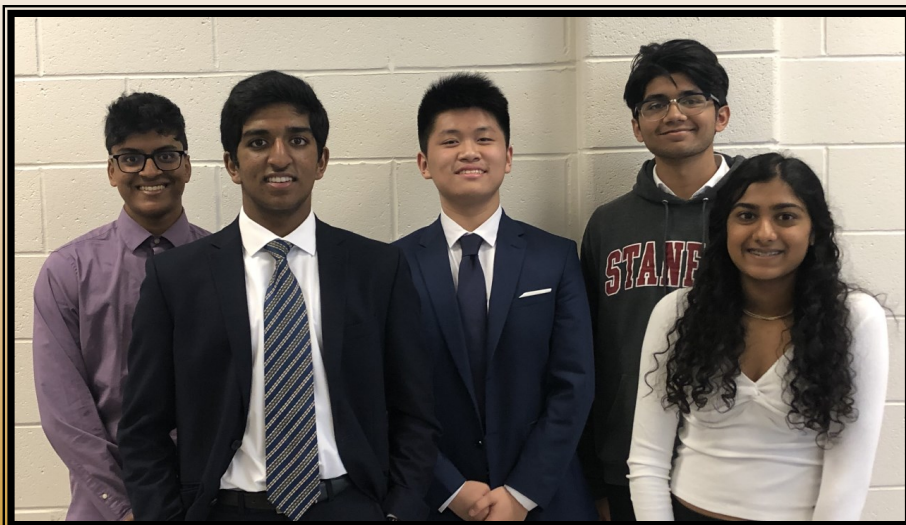
Max Zhang (290 points)

Riya Desai (270 points)

Richard Huang (270 points)

Mahi Purohit (270 points)

The NY Federal Reserve did not hold semifinals due to the COVID-19 pandemic. They did, however, cite some group winners and honorable mentions. The Economics & Finance Team had 5 members participate in the 2020 Federal Reserve Bank of New York High School Fed Challenge. As first-time competitors, they represented Monroe Township High School and earned an **Honorable Mention** recognition. This is a highly competitive event that is designed to bring real-world economics into the classroom as team members take on the role of monetary policymakers. Our team includes **Akash Reddy; Captain, Richard Huang, Harivadan Koppuri, Amani Modi, and Anirudh Reddy.**





ECONOMICS AND FINANCE TEAM—CONT.

The Economics & Finance Team had 10 members participate in the 2020 New Jersey Economics Challenge. This is a highly competitive event that challenges students to showcase their knowledge of macroeconomics, microeconomics, and current events. Congratulations to the MTHS teams for their efforts!

ADAM SMITH DIVISION [AP level teams]

6th Place: **Richard Huang, Harivadan Koppuri, and Akash Reddy**

(Each student was only 1 question shy of a perfect individual score.)

DAVID RICARDO DIVISION [Non-AP level teams]

5th Place: **Anurag Nimmala, Anirudh Reddy and Max Zhang**

8th Place: **Yash Chennawar, Gabriel Kelmanskiy, Ishaan Salaskar, and Tanav Sureddy**



Congratulations to all MTHS DECA members who recently competed at the NJDECA State Conference which was held in Atlantic City from March 2-4. Congratulations to **Prem Jani** for being elected as the NJDECA 2020-2021 Central Region Vice President. He will be a member of Team 60 who will lead NJDECA during the 2020-2021 school year and at the 2020 DECA International Conference in Nashville this year and the DECA International Conference in April 2021 in Anaheim. Overall winners in the following categories will move on to international competition in Nashville, Tennessee where they will compete against DECA members from all 50 states and 8 foreign countries.

Chapter Awards Program -- Team of **Gianna and Victoria DeMayo** - Gold Level Project (top project - will represent NJ)

Entrepreneurship Team Decision Making -- Team of **Sukrut Oak and Yuvrajsinh Delada** - 4th Place Overall

Finance Team Decision Making -- Team of **Aayush Sharma and Rohin Shetty** - 4th Place Overall

Management Team Decision Making -- Team of **Monisha Kapadia and Seva Soni** - 4th Place Overall

Principles of Finance -- **Raahil Parikh** - 5th Place Overall

Professional Selling Event -- **Varun Bharti** - 3rd Place Overall

Sports and Entertainment Team Decision Making -- Team of **Krishna Shah and Sanjana Archakam** - 5th Place Overall

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Additional Top 10 Finalists include:

Entrepreneurship Independent Business Plan: Team of **Gianna DeMayo, Victoria DeMayo and Lahari Gumidyala**

Project Management Community Service Giving Project: Team of **Rhea Handa and Sareena Patel**

Business Ethics and Law Team Decision Making: Team of **Max Zhang** and **Anirudh Reddy**

Retail Merchandising Event: **Layla Fayazi-Azad** (also a member of Team 59-NJDECA State VP of Media-Team 59 will lead the entire 600 NJDECA International Conference competitors)

Instructional Award Recipients:

Top Role Play - Finance Team Decision Making - Team of **Aayush Sharma** and **Rohin Shetty**

Top Test - Retail Merchandising Event - **Layla Fayazi-Azad**

Top Presentation-Professional Selling Event - **Varun Bharti**

New Jersey Marketing Education Association Central Region Scholarship Winner - **Emaan Amir**

Certified Guest Service Professional designation recipients (from the American Hotel and Lodging Educational Institute:)

Waverli Chu
Harivadan Koppuri
Siva Kumud Kotapati
Rebecca Philip
Saket Rele
Kabir Saxena
Aman Thakkar

MTHS DECA Chapter Awards:

State Community Service Award (for highest level of participation in NJDECA Help2Heal project)

Thrive Level International Award (for outstanding chapter)

ATHLETICS

Congratulations to **Robert Hunter** (boys soccer) and **Samantha Carella** (track and field) who were selected for the GMC Sportsmanship Award. A virtual ceremony was held to honor 65 student athlete honorees. The honorees will receive a hard copy of the Sportsmanship Awards program, as well as their official trophies at a later date once COVID-19 social distancing restrictions are relaxed. <http://tiny.cc/7wcjoz>



Congratulations to **Kristin Gasko** (field hockey and track and field) who was named Scholar Athlete of the year!



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Congratulations to **Jordan Kaplan** (track and field) who was named Scholar Athlete of the year! Jordan also has signed a letter of intent to run for Princeton University in the fall!



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Congratulations to **Emily Simoskevitz** who was named Girls Basketball NJSIAA Scholar Athlete of the year!



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

