



Good News Bulletin

January 2021

JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:

We are proud to announce The Students of the Month have been selected for December 2020. They are:

Freshman – Nicole Turco
Sophomore – Michael DiTullio
Junior – Rose Ayar
Senior – Dani Goldstein

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!



NEHS

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MTHS students in the National English Honor Society have been sharing their literary expertise with the district's elementary classrooms. NEHS members join Zoom calls to read aloud to the children using their favorite children's books and also work with teachers to select books that support the children's current unit of study. In addition, NEHS members created prerecorded book readings on a shared Google Drive for more flexible use in district classrooms. Widening the scope to the larger community, several NEHS members have recorded book review videos for the Monroe Township Public Library. NEHS Advisors Mrs. De-Marco and Mrs. Ruotolo, MTHS Language Arts teachers, are very proud of NEHS members for their efforts to improve literacy in our school and community!



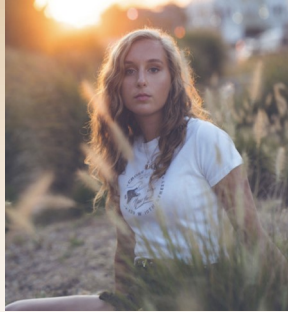
BAND

Congratulations to Matthew Cipriaso and Joshua Fabricant for being selected to participate in the 2021 All Eastern Band. This group consists of the finest high school musicians representing 13 states and will be featured in a virtual performance this spring.

Spotlight on AVID Senior Option Student Tutors

Within the course of the regular school day, senior-level AVID students have the opportunity to become tutors and mentors to the AVID students at the middle school and with the AVID 9th and 10th-grade students at the high school. AVID tutors play a vital role in the AVID Elective class, while also benefiting other content area classes in school. They are essential to the success of AVID, acting as a resource and role model for AVID students, both academically and socially. Tutors become thoroughly grounded in the WICOR (Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization and Reading) strategies through professional development, and are expected to be active learners.

The following are Senior Option Student Tutors for this 2020-2021 school year. They have been working diligently in the remote environment via Zoom with numerous AVID Elective teachers, and deserve to be recognized for their efforts, especially during these atypical circumstances.



Cristina Toscano

Being in the program for six years now, Cristina has developed strengths in topics such as college readiness, Cornell note taking, organization, and interview skills. Cristina became an AVID tutor because she wanted to connect with younger students and guide them through their struggles. Her hobbies outside of school include playing soccer, singing, playing guitar, and longboarding. She also enjoys going down the shore during the summer months and attending concerts. Cristina's future plans are to attend either Drexel or Belmont University and major in Music Business.



Ayla Caron

Ayla views AVID as a guide to better herself for the future, by creating an organized environment, taking detailed Cornell notes, being ahead of a deadline for all assignments, learning to present in front of others and so much more. Ayla wanted to become an AVID tutor to help guide the younger students the same way tutors were to her when she was lost in the transition of middle to high school. Besides tutoring, she played 4 years of high school soccer and a few years of winter cheer. She is in many clubs like HOSA, Patriot Warrior Club, and Ski Club. Outside of school, she spends a lot of time doing volunteer work at soup kitchens, food pantries, and performing at senior centers. She is also often at the ice rink figure-skating or snowboarding somewhere north of Monroe. In college, Ayla plans to major in Nursing.



Garcelle Stephens

Garcelle enjoys art, reading, film, skating, and sewing. She is an aspiring clothing designer and plans on attending the Fashion Institute of Technology and majoring in Fashion Design. She has benefited from the many strengths of the AVID program, specifically college preparedness, Cornell note-taking, organizational skills, and tutorology. She loves tutoring in the AVID program because she knows she's impacting the students positively, even if it's in the tiniest way possible.



Zachary Lacerte

Zach decided to become a tutor because he felt that he should give back and teach what he learned to those who may have struggled like him. He believes the main strengths of the AVID program are preparing students not only for college but for their future, keeping organized, and learning to be productive. Outside of tutoring, he plays lacrosse for the high school, plays recreational basketball, loves to snowboard, and go fishing. After his senior year of high school, he plans to attend college and major in Business.

AVID CONTINUED



Ryan Fiore

Ryan believes that there are multiple strengths within the AVID program. Some of these include the friendships you build with your classmates and teacher, the college preparation, and the advice/tips and tricks for high school and college. Ryan wanted to become a tutor because he always looked up to and admired the tutors when he was younger, so now this is his chance to help the students. Outside of school, Ryan is a hip hop dancer, plays basketball, and also works out a lot. His future plans are to study Criminal Justice at either Stockton University or Monmouth University.



Olivia Cerbie

Being in AVID for seven years, Olivia has been able to develop strengths in career readiness, organizational skills, Cornell note taking, and college readiness. She chose to become a tutor because she wanted to help younger students in AVID the same way past tutors were able to help and guide her throughout middle and high school. Her hobbies outside of school include surfing, driving around, going to the beach, hanging out with friends, and restoring surfboards. She also enjoys traveling, and hopes to include traveling in her future career. Olivia's future plans include attending either Cal Poly or Rollins College to pursue a career in Social Innovation, with hopes of becoming an Epidemiologist for third world countries.



Rosaleen Regan

Rosaleen has been in the AVID program for 7 years and has developed strengths in time management, organization, college readiness, note taking, studying effectively, and much more. Rosaleen became an AVID tutor because she wanted to be able to connect more with students who are going through the same struggles that she had. Her hobbies outside of school include playing three varsity sports: field hockey, basketball, and lacrosse. She works two seasonal jobs at an ice cream shop and farm stand. She also likes to cook and bake at home in her free time. Rosaleen also enjoys spending time with family and friends. Rosaleen plans on attending Western Connecticut State University where she will continue her academic and athletic career playing basketball and majoring in Communications and Media.



Andreas Dazos

Andreas has been in the AVID program for five years and is now an AVID Tutor. He has taken numerous Honors classes, and a few Advanced Placement courses as well. His Honors classes include World History, Latin and ELA. AP classes were US History and European History. He has been involved with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Club, and briefly with Mock Trial along with Youth and Government. He has volunteered at the Monroe Township Public Library and helped with some of their events. He also took electives like Video Production and Business Law. He has always been a massive history buff who enjoys reading books and playing games. He's going to college to get a degree in Economics, or a similar field.



UNIFIED PROGRAM

The Monroe Township District Unified Programs claimed first place for the 3rd year in a row in the Special Olympics Cool School Dash and Splash. We had a great time videoing our virtual plunge experiences. Our top student fundraiser was Dani Goldstein and our top staff fundraiser was Mrs. Elias. A great big thank you for a great job by all of our participants!

Our combined efforts raised \$3,395. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Special Olympics NJ and our Unified programs.



Matteo Salesi has just been informed that he has been nominated by the state of NJ for the Merchant Marine Academy. He was chosen out of 1800 students to potentially receive admission and is currently in the final stages. We hope to hear soon regarding his status.

MTHS CLUB UPDATES

Academic Team

- Placed 1st out of 117 schools nationwide in the Questions Unlimited Online 3-2-1 Fall Academic Competition. This has qualified the MTHS team to play in the "Questions Unlimited National High School Academic Challenge" for the first time (to be held virtually in June).

National Art Honor Society

- Met with Clearbrook community members to host an "Art Zoom" in which students and community members collaboratively worked on an art project.
- Met again with Clearbrook on 1/6 to host a "Show and Tell" showcasing student artwork which was a visual reflection of what the students were "grateful" for in 2020.

National Honor Society

- Members launched a district wide virtual tutoring program. NHS members provide free, virtual tutoring for grades 1 through 12. Members of the school district may utilize this service as needed Monday through Thursday on school days.

Health Occupations Students of America

- Created and sent "thank you" cards to healthcare workers and to wish them Happy Holidays! The cards were sent electronically to local senior living centers and hospitals.
- Creating a compilation of individual videos of members reading a children's book. The Story Time videos will be sent to the elementary schools in Monroe Township for the teachers to share with their Preschool to third grade level students.

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

