

# Good News Bulletin March 2021

### MARCH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:

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

Freshman – Ava Kwitkoski Sophomore – Gregory Pagliarulo Junior – Sujut Thummala Senior – Audrey Chen

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!



### Kyle DeGraw

Signing day
Rutgers University
Football...
Go RU!!!!

#### **FOOTBALL**





BASKETBALL

# GMC Girls' Somogyi Family Pod championship



Monroe celebrates with the GMC Tournament's Somogyi Family Pod trophy after a 46-40 win over St. Thomas Aquinas in North Edison, on Friday, March 5, 2021.

# COACH OF THE YEAR GIRLS BASKETBALL LEIGH VOGTMAN



2021 "Taylor Family Pod" Winners

#### BOWLING



On Tuesday 3/2, the Falcon Boys Bowling team won their match with 2,870 pins against St. Thomas Aquinas' 2,497 pinfall. On Thursday 3/4, the Monroe Falcon Boys became the POD 2 Champions with 3,063 pins against Middlesex's 2,736. We are very proud of their performance this season and can't wait to see what they accomplish next year. Seniors Jacob Chin, Douglas Hoven, and Raymond Stasicky will be sorely missed!

On Wednesday 3/3, the Falcon Girls Bowling team won their match with 2,129 pins against Iselin Kennedy's 1,929 pinfall. On Friday 3/5, the Monroe Falcon Girls became the POD 2 Champions after an intense match where the girls took total wood to win 2,107 against Woodbridge's 2,105. Their coaches are extremely proud of them for their performance and patience during this unusual season! Seniors Heather Casper, Kayleigh Craver, Krisha Mohan, and Eesha Suratia will be sorely missed!





A BIG CONGRATULATIONS to all the VIRTUAL SLC Competitors who participated, competed and advanced to the NLE! \*Please read below for a list of winners and event placements.

Congratulations to **THANMAYEE KAVURI**, for being elected as the NJFBLA Central Region Vice President for the 2021-2022 school year! Monroe Township FBLA's very first elected State Officer! In addition, Thanmayee was recognized as the NJFBLA February 2021 Member of the Month!

Congratulations to **THANMAYEE KAVURI, MAHEEN KHAN & DHRUV VAIDYA** for placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Final Round of the Battle of the Chapters!

Congratulations to JASON CHIN & PRANATHI MIRYALA of Team P&J, for placing 1<sup>st</sup> in the FALL LifeSmarts Challenge, advancing them to compete at the NLE!

Congratulations to RIA PATEL & RIYA SHARMA of Team Ria Squared, for placing 1<sup>st</sup> in the SPRING LifeSmarts Challenge, advancing them to compete at the NLE!

Please review below the SLC 2021 winner's list. The list is sorted in alphabetical order, by place and competitive event name.

#### **FBLA 2021 VIRTUAL SLC RESULTS**

First Name	Last Name	Grad e	SLC Place	Confirmed Competitive Event	Team #	Team Captain
Yash	Anchan	10	1	Database, Design & Applications		
Siri	Harish	11	1	Digital Video Pro- duction	DVP1	С
Misha	Koppisetti	11	1	Digital Video Pro- duction	DVP1	
Meghana	Mamadapur	10	1	Help Desk		
Anurag	Nimmala	11	1	Hospitality & Event Management	HEM2	С
Anirudh	Reddy	11	1	Hospitality & Event Management	HEM2	
Max	Zhang	11	1	Hospitality & Event Management	HEM2	
Ruchita	Mhaskar	11	1	Management Decision Making	MDM3	С

# FBLA 2021 VIRTUAL SLC RESULTS CONTINUED

Harini	Rajadeva	11	1	Management Deci- sion Making	MDM3	
Azreen	Khan	11	1	Network Design	ND1	С
Parth	Patel	11	1	Network Design	ND1	
Nethra	Sakthivel	11	1	Supply Chain Man- agement		
Shivank	Lattupally	10	2	Introduction to Infor- mation Technology* (9th & 10th Grade ONLY)		
Rebecca	Philip	11	2	Management Infor- mation Systems	MIS2	
Anish	Mande	11	3	Database, Design & Applications		
Navya	Malapa- nagudi	12	3	Digital Video Pro- duction	DVP2	С
Durga	Mannam	12	3	Digital Video Pro- duction	DVP2	
Vishwa	Bhatt	12	3	Social Media Strate- gies	SMS1	С
Emma	Germano	12	3	Social Media Strate- gies	SMS1	
Shilpa	Gidugu	12	3	Social Media Strate- gies	SMS1	
Raj	Patel	11	3	Sports & Entertain- ment Management	SEM1	С
Prayag	Rao	11	3	Sports & Entertain- ment Management	SEM1	
Raj	Shah	11	3	Sports & Entertain- ment Management	SEM1	
Kimi	Yadlapalli	12	3	Supply Chain Man- agement		
Bhakti	Ramani	12	3	Website Design	WEB- D2	С
Renee	Reddy	11	3	Website Design	WEB- D2	
Rebecca	Chin	10	4	Agribusiness		
Ria	Patel	11	4	Banking & Financial Systems	BF2	С
Riya	Sharma	11	4	Banking & Financial Systems	BF2	
Nishan	Nayak	9	4	Introduction to Par- liamentary Proce- dure* (9th & 10th Grade ONLY)		
Haritheja	Etukuru	12	5	Business Calcula- tions		
Megha	Gambhirwala	9	5	Help Desk		
Priyanka	Ranganath	10	5	Introduction to Business Presentation (9th & 10th Grade ONLY)	IBP2	С

## **FBLA 2021 VIRTUAL SLC RESULTS CONTINUED**

Aditi	Sreeganesh	10	5	Introduction to Business Presentation (9th & 10th Grade ONLY)	IBP2	
Narayani	Atchutuni	10	5	Introduction to Event Planning (9th & 10th Grade ONLY)	IEP2	С
Reyna	Patel	10	5	Introduction to Event Planning (9th & 10th Grade ONLY)	IEP2	
Nivriti	Agaram	11	5	Journalism		
Simran	Harjani	11	5	Local Chapter Annual Business Report	LCABR	
Thanmayee	Kavuri	11	5	Local Chapter Annual Business Report	LCABR	
Megan	Tan	12	5	Local Chapter Annual Business Report	LCABR	С
Thanmayee	Kavuri	11	5	Securities & Invest- ments		
Jason	Chin	11	5	Word Processing		
Aayush	Gariwala	12	Semi-Finalist Fi- nal Round	Entrepreneurship	ENT1	С
Tarun	Krishnan	12	Semi-Finalist Fi- nal Round	Entrepreneurship	ENT1	
Lindsay	Harrington	10	Semi-Finalist Fi- nal Round	Graphic Design	GD 1	
Deepanshu	Kaushik	9	Semi-Finalist Fi- nal Round	Graphic Design	GD 2	
Saanvi	Damera	10	Semi-Finalist Fi- nal Round	Introduction to Event Planning (9th & 10th GradeONLY)	IEP1	С
Ruchi	Kapse	10	Semi-Finalist Fi- nal Round	Introduction to Event Planning (9th & 10th GradeONLY)	IEP1	
Vanshika	Bangad	10	Semi-Finalist Fi- nal Round	Introduction to Event Planning (9th & 10th GradeONLY)	IEP3	С
Saumya	Gupta	10	Semi-Finalist Fi- nal Round	Introduction to Event Planning (9th & 10th GradeONLY)	IEP3	
Jyothi	Vivekananda	10	Semi-Finalist Fi- nal Round	Introduction to Event Planning (9th & 10th GradeONLY)	IEP3	
Pragathi	Mahesh	9	Semi-Finalist Fi- nal Round	Introductions to Social Media Strategy (Grades 9 & 10 ON- LY)	ISMS1	С
Anjali	Patel	9	Semi-Finalist Fi- nal Round	Introductions to Social Media Strategy (Grades 9 & 10 ON- LY)	ISMS1	
Megan	Tan	12	Semi-Finalist Fi- nal Round	Marketing	MKTG3	

#### MTHS CLUB UPDATES

#### **Environmental Action Committee (EAC)**

Students created and will be publishing three podcasts each dealing with a subject involving environmental conservation.

- MTHS Green Team: 10-member EAC committee that is focused on completing actions and compiling documentation for the certification of MTHS as a Green School at the Bronze Level under the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program. Their first initiative is an Anti-Idling Awareness Campaign, in which a 4-member team will work to create an educational video for driver's education classes on the harms of idling, as well as a series of infographics for social media and pamphlets for distribution.
- Single-Use Plastics Initiative Team: This activity includes a 6-member team with 4 rotating members every marking period, which focuses on educating club members and the community on the harms of single-use plastics while promoting green alternatives. The EAC Instagram features a social media campaign with infographics regarding single-use plastics, educating the club membership on the dangers of single-use plastics on different parts of society and the environment in digestible formats. The team is also working to initiate a plastic bag drive, in which members will be able to drop off the plastic bags in their homes for recycling, preventing them from contributing to further waste.

#### **Economics and Finance Team**

• Middlesex County champions of the 2021 Consumer Bowl and will be representing Middlesex County at the regional event in late April.

#### The Falconer's Voice - MTHS School Newspaper

Articles are published on a rolling basis, and they can found at https://www.falconersvoice.com/

Articles include coverage of national current events, happenings in pop culture, and exclusive stories of school news, including "Senior Spotlights" which focuses on the individual achievements of some of our 12th graders.

#### **Fellowship of Christian Athletes**

• Meets over Zoom every Thursday evening. An FCA representative from Mercer County runs the meeting and our students have been able to meet other students from other schools with their same interests. It is and has been an amazing experience for our MTHS students.

#### Lights, Camera, Action

Members of "Lights, Camera, Action" have produced a number of short films based on specific prompts, which were screened and discussed at meetings. The club is currently in the process of producing a short thriller film that takes place entirely on Zoom. Members have collaboratively come up with a concept, written the screenplay, and planned the technical aspect of the production. Recording will take place over the next few meetings, followed by editing and post production.

#### MTHS HOSA- Future Health Professionals

- The Community Service Committee created a compilation of individual videos of HOSA members reading a children's book. The Story Time videos included themes on **Black History**, **Women's Rights and History Stories**, and **Social and Emotional Learning Stories**. The videos were sent to administration and teachers at Barclay Brook, Brookside, Oak Tree, and Mill Lake for the teachers to share with their students.
- HOSA members participated in the NJ State Leadership Conference & Competition on March 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021. The competition was held virtually.
- HOSA has had two guest speakers featured at their General Meetings so far this year. HOSA members submitted questions in advance to both speakers. The first speaker featured in is a 1st year Medical student at New York Institute of Technology and the second speaker featured at our last meeting is a 1st year Dentistry student at NYU College of Dentistry. Both speakers were engaging and provided valuable information to HOSA members. We have one more speaker scheduled for a future General Meeting. The speaker will be a Cardiologist.

Remiel Brigilin Stanley, a freshman at MTHS finished in 4th Place for Medical Spelling in the HOSA-Future Health Professionals State Leadership Competition (SLC). He was the only student from MTHS to advance from the Regional Competition in January 2021 to the SLC held on March 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. He competed against students from the Northern and Southern Regional areas of NJ. Congratulations Remiel!

**National English Honor Society** members across the country were asked to read *The Nickel Boys* by Colson White as a common reader, and high school seniors were eligible to submit an essay to NEHS for a college scholarship. As part of being a member of NEHS, all of our members read the book, which was discussed at NEHS meetings during the first half of the year, and wrote an essay based on one of the prompts offered by NEHS.

This year, FIVE National English Honor Society students from MTHS won scholarships totaling \$11,000 from the NEHS Common Reader Essay!

- Vishwa Bhatt \$3000
- Harshini Ganesh \$3000
- Ipsa Mishra \$3000
- Taylor Brown \$1000
- Keerthana Talla \$1000

Congratulations to these five winners!! We are extremely proud of your accomplishments!

#### **Paws for Cause**

Donated blankets and towels to "Your New Best Friend Dog Rescue" in Summit, NJ. The blankets and towels will provide a warm place for dogs to rest and sleep. These are the websites to this organization. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/yournewbestfrienddogrescue/">https://www.facebook.com/yournewbestfrienddogrescue/</a> and <a href="https://www.yournewbestfrienddogrescue/">https://www.yournewbestfrienddogrescue/</a> and <a href="https://www.yournewbestfrienddogrescue/">htt

Released its third installment of the MTHS Paws for Cause Newsletter. This edition focuses on Police K-9 and service animals.

#### **Robotics Club**

- Members will compete in remote challenges for the VEX Robotics Competition
- Members have also started the process to host the first Hackathon at MTHS ("HackMTHS") for potentially April, 2021. A Hackathon is a STEM-based competition ranging from 12 hours to 24 hours.

#### **Student Council**

Painted rocks with inspirational quotes and placed them throughout the community as a "Pay It Forward" campaign.

#### **Tri-M Music Honor Society**

- Worked on various "remote" projects including 2 compilation videos of student performances (singing and instruments) which was shared with Monroe Senior Communities and MTHS staff members.
- In lieu of ushering concerts around the MTSD, students have assisted MTSD music teachers with various projects to help younger musicians in the district.

#### **Tenor-Bass Chorus**

• During weekly Zoom rehearsals, students learned their individual concert pieces which were featured in the MTHS winter virtual concert.

# HELPING MTHS COMMUNITY SERVICE

Our two juniors, Emily Ward and Gianna Verderami, created and donated spring baskets for the 70 long term care residents at The Elms of Cranbury (nursing home). According to the Director of Rehabilitation who hand delivered a basket to each resident, the baskets warmed the hearts of residents and staff. Some residents were moved to tears as they showed their gratitude. Well done! Your community service and leadership are appreciated and commended!



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

