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TOP 10 HIGH ACHIEVERS



GRADUATES WILL MATRICULATE IN SCHOOLS ACROSS THE COUNTRY:

Alderson Broaddus University
Allegheny College
American University
American Musical and Dramatic Academy,
Los Angeles
California University of Pennsylvania
Case Western Reserve University
College of Wooster
Community College of Allegheny County

Duquesne University
Edinboro University of Pennsylvania
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Kent State University
LaRoche College
Mercy School of Nursing
Ohio Valley School of Nursing
Penn State University
Pittsburgh Technical Institute

Point Park University
Robert Morris University
Slippery Rock University
St. Vincent College
University of Arizona
University of Kentucky
University of Pittsburgh
Waynesburg University
Westminster College
Youngstown State University

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

Joseph Edward Baron
Dean Timothy Bartins
Stormy Gene Bartins
Troy David Beglinger
William Glenn Bigham, Jr.
Megan Katherine Blackwell
Cameron Michelle Bogats
Dale Christian Bryant
Emmanuel Lee Burton
Joel Parker Buzza
Isiah Maurice Canton
Hannah Elizabeth Carey
Gina Marie Carini
Jameil Matthew Carter
Kaleigh Nicole Ciabattani
Jerry Carl Close III
Ellise A. Colaizzi
Erin Rose Connor
Adam Nicholls Corner
Cristy Louise Crawshaw
Abigail Mae Creely
Alexa Rose Crown
Madison Leigh Crown
Austin Hunter Daugherty
Bailey Alexander Daugherty
Abigail Marie Diulus
Ryan Dennison Easterling
Gina Marie Eddy
Alyssa Renee Ensworth
Marin Elizabeth Exler
Garrett Joseph Fenton IV
Gary James Fluharty, Jr.
Sydney Rae Fritchman

Lucas Daniel Gartley
Kylie Marie Gilles
Nathan Michael Graner
Abigail Anne Greiner
Amanda Rae Griffin
Tyler Michael Harding
Colin William Henke
Cody James Herlihy
Alexandria Mary Hilarzewski
Megan Marie Howells
Taylor James Huddart
Tarik Isak
Christopher William Lee Jandreau
Angalik Javone Jones
Maura A. Kelly
Myo Min Khant
Britney Marie Kowal
Corey Edwin Lamb
Sara Jane LaScola
Destinee Malay Latimer
Jarod Raymond Latta
Amber Lynn Leonhiser
John Robert Lewellyn
Ajanae Lauren Lowry
Kaitlyn Taylor Magnelli
Ban Majed
Molly Eibhlím Maloy
Mackenzie Rae Mangum
Amanda Marie Martin
Michael Vincent Mastandrea
Tyler James May
Raymond Gerald Mayfield, Jr.
Tyler Louis McIntyre

Bradley Thomas Muehlman
Summer Nicole Nicholls
Mia Sara Notaro
Brianna Lynn Oddi
Johnathon Christopher Oliver
Samuel Lucas Oliver
Shafique Aubrey Patterson
Hannah Marion Phillips
Alexander James Pollak
Breizhan Tamia Ragland
Nicole Marie Rave
Faith Breanne Reigle
Mickenzie Nichole Richard
Mikayla Marie Richards
Holly Jean Rodriguez
Miranda Kay Roessler
Monique Nicole Salmond
Leyland Sweeney Sams
Viviana Jazmin Sanchez-Lopez
Rachel Nicole Santillo
Dylan Michael Schmidt-MacPherson
Joshua Tyler Segeleon
Ryan Michael Sevacko
Erin Rebecca Sheariss
Britnee Ann Smith
Jacob Lewis Snizik
Caleb Steven Staker
Nicole Elizabeth Stengel
Jennifer Rose Stevens
Allyssa Faylene Todd
Jordan Thomas Lee Todd
Matthew Joseph Uzar

A Baccalaureate ceremony held in the days prior to commencement extended fortuity to graduates by way of encouraging words and a candle-lighting ceremony led by senior class officers Dean Bartins, Holly Rodriguez and Amanda Martin.





Photos l-r: During a senior recognition award night, Brianna Oddi was honored with the Harry Quinn-Ralph Schorr Memorial Scholarship for academics, sportsmanship and talent as a varsity cheerleader. The award is sponsored by the Greater Pittsburgh Football Officials Association; The Maggie Scholarship, sponsored by the family of a Carnegie High School alumnus, endowed \$5,000 scholarships to college-bound graduates Ban Majed, Monique Salmond, Abigail Creely and Amber Leonhiser. The recipients are bordered by Principal Michael Loughren and teacher Lisa Rowley.

Honors, Scholarships and Awards:

State Representatives Leader of Tomorrow Award

Cristy Crawshaw

Scholastic Excellence Award

Marin Exler

Semper Fidelis Award for Musical Excellence

Mia Notaro

Distinguished Athlete Awards

Emmanuel Burton and Abigail Greiner

Harry Quinn-Ralph Schorr Memorial Scholarship, \$1,500

Brianna Oddi

STA Education Foundation Scholarship, \$1,000 each

Hannah Carey, Erin Connor, Cristy Crawshaw, Nicole Rave and Nicole Stengel

The Maggie Scholarship, \$5,000 each

Abigail Creely, Amber Leonhiser, Ban Majed and Monique Salmond

Peer to Peer Awards

Gina Carini, Hannah Carey, Erin Connor, Alexa Crown, Madison Crown, Kylie Gilles, Amanda Griffin, Maura Kelly, Summer Nicholls and Alex Pollak

Unified Indoor Bocce State Team

Alexa Crown, Kylie Gilles, Erin Connor, Gina Carini and Alex Pollak

Pittsburgh Area Jewish Committee Award

Nicole Stengel

Wendy's Heisman Nominee Award

Nicole Stengel

Carlynton Federation of Teachers AFT/AFL-CIO Textbook

Grant, \$500 each

Abigail Creely, Madison Crown, Nicole Rave and Rachel Santillo

Excellence In Advanced Placement Testing (top scores)

AP U.S. History, **Marin Exler**; AP Calculus, **Will Bigham**;

AP U.S. History, **Dean Bartins**

Four Seasons Award (4.0 GPA or higher, 9th through 12th grade)

Will Bigham, Cameron Bogats, Marin Exler, Brianna Oddi, Nicole Rave and Nicole Stengel

Kurt Cerny Memorial Scholarship, \$250

Marin Exler

Arion Award for Musical Excellence

Alex Pollak

Linda Beck Memorial Scholarship, \$1,250

Mia Notaro

John Phillip Sousa Award

Mia Notaro

Musical Director's Award

Taylor Huddart

Musical Spirit of the Ensemble Award

Brianna Oddi

The Crescendo Award

Alex Pollak

Senior Officers Leadership Award

President Dean Bartins, Vice President Amanda

Martin, Secretary Holly Rodriguez and

Treasurer Marin Exler

Male and Female Scholar-Athletes of the Year

Nicole Stengel and Tarik Isak

Male and Female Athletes of the Year

Hannah Phillips and Emmanuel Burton

Army Reserve National Scholar-Athlete

Nicole Stengel and Tarik Isak

SHASDA Award for Growth and Achievement

Jerry Close and Monique Salmond

Parkway West Career-Technical Center High Honor Award

Viviana-Jazmin Sanchez Lopez

Parkway West Career-Technical Center National Technical

Honor Society Awards

Alexandria Hilarzewski and Faith Reigle

Parkway West Career-Technical Center Outstanding Senior

Jerry Close

Parkway West Career-Technical Center Student of the Month

Jerry Close

2016 Trib Total Media, Elite 100 Award

Brianna Oddi

2016 Trib Total Media Nominees

Abigail Creely, Cristy Crawshaw, Marix Exler, Jarod Latta and Erin Sheariss

Girl Scout Gold Award

Cristy Crawshaw

Eagle Scout Award

Michael Mastrandrea

CHS Drama Award for Stage Management

Garrett Fenton

Outstanding Achievement in Production

Hannah Phillips

Outstanding Crossover Achievement for Musical to Play

Caleb Staker and Colin Henke

Outstanding Play Debut Crew

Cara Colangelo, Rachel Santillo, Erin Sheariss and Will Bigham

Lifetime Achievement in Stage Production

Cristy Crawshaw and Elise Colaizzi

Outstanding Debut Actors

John Oliver, Sam Oliver and Michael Mastandrea

Outstanding Leading Actor

Jarod Latta

Outstanding Supporting Actress

Mckenzie Richard

Lifetime Achievement in Dramatic Arts

Marin Exler

Athletic Scholarship Awardees:

BASKETBALL

Abigail Greiner, Allegheny College

CHEERLEADING

Brianna Oddi, Duquesne University

FOOTBALL

Isiah Canton, Alderson Broadus University

SOCCER

Emmanuel Burton, College of Wooster

SOFTBALL

Sydney Fritchman, Penn State Greater Allegheny

SWIMMING

Nicole Stengel, Westminster College

TRACK AND FIELD

Mackenzie Mangum, Youngstown State University;

Shafique Patterson, California University of PA

VOLLEYBALL

Erin Connor, LaRoche College



↑ Above, clockwise from top left: Following the Baccalaureate service, friends Ellise Colaizzi and Nicole Stengel savored the moment by being photographed by family while posing in front of the cougar statue outside the high school auditorium; Commencement ceremonies were held June

10 at Honus Wagner Field in Carnegie. Senior class president Dean Bartins, during an opening speech, took a moment to applaud teachers and thank them for their guidance and encouragement; With aspirations to make a difference in today's world, valedictorian Marin Exler stood before classmates to inspire

unwavering conviction as they step out into the world to follow a dream; Superintendent Gary Peiffer addressed the Carlynton High School Class of 2016 at the 46th annual commencement ceremony. Administrators and teachers joined the graduates, offering support and goodwill.



← Photos, clockwise from left: Amanda Martin, senior class vice president, offered closing remarks to family and peers as the ceremony drew to conclusion; Green and gold caps were tossed into the air with jubilation to mark the end to high school and the beginning of new experiences and encounters; Graduates Isiah Canton, Joel Buzza and Emmanuell Burton were all grins while watching a classmate receive a diploma.



→ Photos, l-r: Alyssa Ensworth gets a heartfelt hug from her grandmother. Parents and relatives congregated around graduates following the commencement ceremony to offer congratulations; Graduate Gina Eddy was surprised by family members who proudly surrounded her with photos from younger years to the present.



Moving on Up

The transition from sixth to seventh grade is a big step for most middle schoolers. Carnegie and Crafton elementary school teachers and administrators highlight this move by honoring sixth graders at the close of the school year with a sixth grade recognition ceremony. The event includes student speakers, awards and time to reflect on the years at the primary and elementary level. Students are recognized and applauded for achievements, both academically and extracurricular.

The end of the year also brings guided tours of the junior-senior high school with students gaining an up-close feel for seventh grade and the school building. A late summer orientation day is also offered for students to walk the hallways with schedule in hand to map out classrooms.



Carnegie sixth grader Alexis Jones received the prestigious Citizenship Award at a recognition ceremony held in the school auditorium June 7. Alexis is joined by Superintendent Gary Peiffer, Principal Carla Hudson and Carnegie Mayor Jack Kobistek.



Crafton Elementary traditionally names a male and female as Citizenship Award winners. This year's proud recipients were Kathryn Fox and Lukas Prepelka, joined by Principal Marsha Bureson and Superintendent Gary Peiffer. Recognition day was held June 8 followed by a picnic in Crafton Park.

President's Award for Educational Excellence

Recipients of this award are recognized for academic success by meeting grade-point-average and assessment score requirements. Certificates, with the signature of President Barack Obama, are presented to the awardees.

CARNEGIE ELEMENTARY, Elijah Babish, Simon Blain, Mary Duffy, Abigail Fox, Alexis Jones, Emma Pointer, Bryce Rodriguez, Alyssa Schepis

CRAFTON ELEMENTARY, Kathryn Fox, Azjia Gardner, Isaac Heffner, Gwen Kalimon, Marissa Kerns, Jhream Keys, Michael Kozy, Sophia Magliocco, Sarah Pallus, Lukas Prepelka, Audrey Robb, Owen Schriver

High Honors Awards

Presented for maintaining a GPA of 3.8 or higher for three or all four grading periods

CARNEGIE ELEMENTARY

Elijah Babish, Erin Coyne, Mary Duffy, Alexis Jones, Nina Maloni, Kayla Mentz, Emma Pointer, Bryce Rodriguez, Alyssa Schepis, Emma Younger and Viktoriya Zhuravska

CRAFTON ELEMENTARY

Wyatt Appel, Eleanora Exler, Kathryn Fox, Azjia Gardner, Layne Harman, Jacob Harsch, Isaac Heffner, Mia Higbee, Gwen Kalimon, Marissa Kerns, Jhream Keys, Michael Kozy, Sophia Magliocco, Ethan O'Brien, Sarah Pallus, Brooklynne Prepelka, Lukas Prepelka, Julia Rinehart, Audrey Robb, Owen Schriver and Ava Thompson

Honor Roll Awards

Presented for maintaining a GPA of 3.3 to 3.7 or higher for three or all four grading periods

CARNEGIE ELEMENTARY

Simon Blain, Austin Cairns, Alyssa Desimone, Abigail Fox, Nestor Lernatovych, Emma Pointer and Timothy Smith

CRAFTON ELEMENTARY

Madisen Albert, Savannah Caruso, Rieland Crow, Mason Daley, Aiden Forrest, Madison Gorny, Juliet Grabowski and Kennedy Paolino

Exploring the Nation's Capital

Carnegie Elementary fifth graders take awe-inspiring excursion

By Scott Donnelly, Carnegie Fifth Grade Teacher

A monstrous, black and orange Anderson Coach bus turned onto Franklin Avenue at 5:45 am and the quiet hum of over 40 fifth graders from Carnegie Elementary turned into screeches of excitement. The anticipation of the trip, planned earlier in the school year, reached its pinnacle. Shivering from the early morning chill typical for May, the students, six parent chaperones and teachers **Erin Cummings, Scott Donnelly** and **Andrea Harrity** boarded the luxury bus en route to Washington, DC.

Upon arrival in the nation's capital, the group was greeted by Paul Hartman, aide to Congressman Tim Murphy, who proceeded to highlight points of interest in the Capitol Visitor's Center. Hartman engaged the group with the history of the U.S. Capitol and pointed out interesting

aspects of the remarkable building with its beautiful rotunda. The students concluded this tour with a special VIP visit to the Visitor's Gallery on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives. This expedition connected seamlessly with readings the fifth graders completed on the branches of United States government.

Student-groups were then allowed to explore the nearby National Air and Space Museum on their own. Many flocked to see the Wright Brothers wing, took photos with Amelia Earhart's Vega, or climbed inside an early NASA space capsule. Several science lessons from the school year were reinforced through the museum's exhibits.

The rest of the day took the group along the National Mall and Tidal Basin with a popular photo-op at the Washington Monument. Many students immediately laid at its base, looked up and snapped pictures from this interesting perspective.

Some, noticing the different types of stone used to build the obelisk, yelled out with pride when recalling an article read prior to the trip about the monument's construction process.

Students and chaperones were guided on a stroll through the beautiful World War II Memorial followed by a solemn walk through the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. A short trek to the Lincoln Memorial caused thrills as fifth graders could see firsthand and remember studying the building on the back of a penny during a Microworlds science module. The Korean War Veteran's Memorial drew amazement from most students with its



The Washington Monument, a focal point on the National Mall, also made for a perfect spot to capture photos and begin a trek across the expanse to see other memorials and statues.

impactful, real-life statues and powerful inscriptions. A stop was made at the towering Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial. The youngsters read many of Dr. King's famous quotes that lined surrounding walls. Across the basin, the group observed with interest the pristine Thomas Jefferson Memorial.

Mrs. Cummings led the Carnegie convoy back across the National Mall, strolling by the soon-to-open National Museum of African American History and stopping to gaze and photograph the White House and its South Lawn. Unfortunately, an incident earlier that day had the White House on lockdown and access to the famous Pennsylvania Avenue was blocked. The day ended with a pizza dinner on the lawn of the U.S. Department of Justice headquarters as the tired but exhilarated youngsters waited for the coach bus to pull up for the trek home.

According to step counters worn by students, the group walked over 22,000 steps (about 10 miles) and traveled almost 500 miles on the bus. The awe-inspiring daytrip, which was filled with rare and extraordinary opportunities, etched a lifetime of memories into young minds.

Planning for the excursion to Washington D.C. began in September 2015. Individual sponsors, the PTA, a small grant and some fundraising enabled every Carnegie Elementary fifth grader to make the trip at a mere cost of \$48 per person, which included travel, meals, snacks, drinks and coordinating t-shirts and back packs. Fifth graders are extremely grateful to all donors and sponsors.



Students gathered for a group photo before the Lincoln Memorial. The trip to D.C. in late May allowed the fifth graders to see, touch and remember lessons learned in social studies during the school year.



The beautiful World War II Memorial, designed in a circular fashion and accented with fountains, provided open space to read legendary quotes inscribed on walls and to reflect on those who fought for freedom from every state in the Nation.

Athletes are making the grade

Early wake up, class, eat, practice, weights, eat, study Wait a minute, when do I get some "me time."

Students who partake in athletics often find themselves asking this question. The rigorous schedule of balancing school work and sports often leaves little time for Instagram or Xbox. Students who do manage are those who take advantage of every minute by following a schedule and rarely missing a beat. Those who manage well can often maintain good grades while playing sports and still have time for a social life. At the high school level, these multi-taskers deserve some accolades.

A scholar-athlete breakfast was held at the junior-senior high school on May 25 to recognize 109 scholar-athletes in grades 9-12. Thirty eight distinguished honor roll students, 39 high honor roll and 32 honor roll students were honored, identified as maintaining high grades while participating in a sport. Those recognized received a certificate and a t-shirt in addition to enjoying a hot buffet breakfast.

Earning special honors were tri-athletes (participating in three sports within the school year) and included senior **Marin Exler**, juniors

Sofia Carrasco, Christopher Harris, Kylee Merscher, Nathaniel Wilcox, Janise Williams and **Ashleigh Wilson**, sophomores **Sydney Franchick** and **Owen Kalimon**, and freshmen **Gabriel Prepelka** and **Jenna Williams**.

Senior **Colin Henke** and freshman **Daniel Schultz** were recognized as quad-athletes. Colin was a contributing member of the soccer, tennis, bowling and cross-country teams. Colin is also a member of the marching band. During the school year, Dan played soccer, basketball, baseball and was a cross-country runner.

Junior **Natalie Quinn** received top honors as a quint-athlete, participating in soccer, swimming, cross-country, track and cheerleading. She is also a member of the band. Natalie says she maintains this busy schedule by carefully planning out each week and allowing enough time to study or read every evening.

Scholar athletes of the year were also honored. Seniors **Tarik Isak** and **Nicole Stengel** were named to this elite list, acknowledged for maintaining high grades while participating in multiple sports.



Junior Natalie Quinn was presented with a plaque during the Scholar-Athlete Breakfast for maintaining high grades while participating in five sports in the 2015-2016 school year.



Tri-athlete Gabe Prepelka, a freshman, was recognized at the year-end Scholar-Athlete Breakfast held in the high school cafeteria.

2015-2016 Scholar Athletes

12th Grade

Dean Bartins
Stormy Bartins
Cameron Bogats
Emmanuel Burton
Isiah Canton
Gina Carini
Erin Connor
Cristy Crawshaw
Madison Crown
Ryan Easterling
Marin Exler
Sydney Fritchman
Abigail Greiner
Amanda Griffin
Tyler Harding
Colin Henke
Alexandria Hilarzewski
Megan Howells
Tarik Isak
Myo Min Khant
Britney Kowal
Amanda Martin
Brianna Oddi
Hannah Phillips
Nicole Rave
Faith Reigle
Holly Rodriguez
Monique Salmon
Erin Sheariss
Nicole Stengel

11th Grade

Hannah Bogats
Stephanie Bonifield
Sofia Carrasco
Hannah Diulus
Stuart Dougherty
Storm Figura
Sage Figura
Will Ford
Christopher Harris
Ian Kobistek
Yaryna Korenovska
Kassi Longstreth
Kylee Merscher
Luke Phillips
Natalie Quinn
Andrea Rivera
Skyler Sevacco
Abbie Snizik
Diamond Thomas
Morgan Vonada
Nathaniel Wilcox
Ashleigh Wilson
Logan Witwicki
Janise Williams

10th Grade

Elizabeth Behage
Nathan Bickus
Robert Chapman
David Creely
Hunter Crown
Dominic Darenkamp
Giona Darenkamp
Eliana Davis
Tashe-Ann Earle
Blair Finlay
Sydney Franchick
Ian Gallagher
Owen Kalimon
Irena Lutsiv
Kevin MacMurdo
Sydney Mollica
Riley Post
Shayna Pahl
Nathan Robb
Arieona Smith-Purdue
Hannah Stack
Piper Stevens
Alexis Stewart
Jessica Vogliano
Gabriel Wilcox

9th Grade

Phoebe Appel
Molly Badger
Bryce Bogats
Jasmine Caldwell
Julie Carothers
Rory Dougherty
Kayla Glumac
Kira Gossad
Airys Gould
Maclaine Greiner
Morgan Harding
David Holderbaum
Isabel Irwin
Samuel Knabel
Katherine Kozy
Natalie Latta
Nathan Latta
Patricia Maloy
Dameus Moore
Massimo Notaro
Gabriel Prepelka
Julia Roussos
Lacy Rybacki
Madison Samangy
Claire Schriver
Daniel Schultz
Mason Small
Maria Smereka
Elias Ward
Andrew Weimer
Jenna Williams

Families could qualify for free or reduced price school meals

The National School Lunch Program

The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) is a federally-assisted meal program operating in public and nonprofit private schools throughout the nation. It provides nutritionally balanced, low-cost or free meals (breakfast and lunch) to qualified children each school day. The program is intended to safeguard the health and well-being of the nation's children and support domestic agricultural production.

School districts and independent schools that choose to take part in the lunch program receive subsidies and commodities from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for each meal served. In return, schools must serve lunches that meet Federal requirements and must offer free or reduced price meals to eligible children. Qualified students in the Carlynton School District can receive breakfast and lunch for free or at a reduced price (\$0.30 for breakfast and \$0.40 for lunch per day).

A child's eligibility for the NSLP is determined by Federal Income Guidelines and is based on a household's size and household's income.

Families who participated in the Carlynton School District NSLP in the 2015-2016 school year must reapply at the beginning of the upcoming school year. Keep in mind that a new application must be completed each school year.

Some may receive a letter prior to the start of the 2016-2017 school year stating that your family has been directly certified for free meals. Those who receive this letter do not need to submit an application. Additionally, students who attend Carnegie Elementary do not have to fill out an application. This school is eligible for the Community Eligibility Provision and all children can receive free meals.

Information about the NSLP will be sent home with students on the first day of school. If you do not receive an application and are interested in the program, please contact Michelle Weaver (NSLP Facilitator) at 412.429.2500, ext. 1103 or via e-mail at michelle.weaver@carlynton.k12.pa.us.

Parents can also apply for the NSLP online via COMPASS (Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Access to Social Services) at www.compass.state.pa.us. Parents applying for the NSLP through COMPASS, do not have to submit a paper application.

The Carlynton School District uses a computerized Point of Service (POS) system in its cafeterias. With this system, students have 100 percent anonymity as to any type of payment program used when purchasing school meals.

If a child is not eligible now, but there is a decrease in household income, a parent becomes unemployed, there is an increase in household size, or a family begins to receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), you may reapply for benefits at anytime during the school year.

Save the date! 2016-2017

Carlynton School District 2016-2017 School Year Calendar

August

22 First Day of School

September

05 Labor Day, No School
10 CHS Band Festival
17 Foundation Golf Outing*
22 Elementary Open House
23 In-Service Day, No School

October

07 Homecoming
13 JSHS Open House
14 In-Service Day, No School

November

08 In-Service Day, No School
11 Veteran's Day, No School
24-28 Thanksgiving Holiday

December

23-Jan. 2 Winter Holiday Break

January

16 Martin L. King, Jr. Holiday

February

17 In-Service Day, No School
20 President's Day Holiday

March

April

13-17 Spring Holiday Break

May

16 In-Service Day, No School
25 School Picnic, Kennywood Park
26 Prom, No School
29 Memorial Day Holiday

June

02 Senior Commencement
05 Last Day of School

Snow Make-Up Days:

February 20, April 13, April 17, June 6

*The Carlynton Education Foundation will host its annual golf outing, dinner and auction at The Club at Shadow Lakes in Aliquippa. The event schedule, sponsorship opportunities and registration information can be found on the Foundation website at carlynton.org. Proceeds from the event benefit the students and staff of the district.



MAKING HEADLINES

The Carlynton high school cafeteria was the site of the annual Invention Convention held in late April. Over 50 students from 10 local school districts were in attendance, displaying creative solutions to some everyday problems. Judges viewed displays and allowed young inventors to describe their invention process and explain how the concept could make life a little easier. Carlynton eighth grader **Jaimee Cabili** and sixth grader **Audrey Robb** received gold ribbons for their brainchilds.

Jaimee created the "Pascal Easy Brush," a toothbrush with a storage area for toothpaste within the handle. Jaimee's goal was to eliminate contamination of toothpaste in a tube when multiple members of a family apply toothpaste to a toothbrush. The Pascal Easy Brush pushed toothpaste from the handle onto the brush with ease and prevented the spread of germs.

Audrey invented a peddle-like mechanism to attach to the base of a chair. The "Concentration Enhancer" was designed to be used in a classroom to keep a student occupied yet focused on the teacher or assignment.

Sixth grader **Azja Gardner** received a bronze ribbon for "Coolios," pajamas to keep the wearer cool on a warm night.

Blue ribbons were awarded to sixth grader **Dom Carlson** and third grader **Eva Milliner**. Dom invented a "Half'n Half Shower Kit" with shampoo and conditioner in one handy container and Eva developed "Saucy Silverware," or utensils for use in fast food restaurants with tubular handles to enclose sauces which could be squeezed onto food as needed.



At the annual Invention Convention, fourth grader Bailey Vetter created "FridgeStep," a stool-type device that attached to the inside of a refrigerator to allow small children to gain access to the top shelf.



Sixth grader Julia Rinehart explains her invention to a judge, demonstrating how the "Ultimate Chair" is a necessary addition to any home. The chair had a built-in blanket, book and cup holder.



Third graders Colton Rizzo, Mateo Carrasco, Mark Jameson and Reilly McGee try to "Walk the Beam as a Team," an exercise used during Grand Slam Science Day to teach accountability by forcing cooperation in order to walk across a room using flat beams with ropes.



The aerodynamics and speed of a ball were calculated by a device held by parent Becky Heffner as Gavin Jarvis tried his hand at pitching a fast ball.



Ninth grade health and wellness classes took on a project to pay it forward this past spring by collecting food and clothing for those in need. The four-week effort, dubbed Operation Pay It Forward, wrought nearly 400 pounds of clothing and 22 boxes of non-perishable foods which was distributed to a local veteran's center. The collection was led by health and physical education teacher **Michael Donovan** and facilitated by 24 students who organized and sorted the goods and made arrangements for distribution.



The Crafton Elementary PTA hosted a Carnegie Science Center adventure program for all students as an annual educational event. The "Grand Slam Science" day was offered May 5 and presented lessons in physics and math by highlighting the game of baseball. An assembly in the school's auditorium featured slow motion footage of Pittsburgh Pirates' players as they hit or threw a ball, illustrating the aerodynamics of a baseball in flight. Students learned that the makeup of the ball and bat also contributes to the speed and distance a ball will travel. The assembly was followed by interactive activities in the gym that brought science to life. Parent volunteers guided students through the many activities, some that required teamwork and ingenuity to complete.



The Carlynton Education Foundation is now listed as a charitable organization on Amazon Smile. District Amazon shoppers are encouraged to utilize the Smile site and chose "Carlynton Education Foundation." The foundation will earn 0.5 percent of the total purchase. Every contribution helps to build the foundation which endeavors to support district students and teachers. The foundation has also announced September 17, 2016 as the date of its annual Golf Outing to be held at The Club at Shadow Lakes. Save the date!



Members of the Carlynton High School Cougar Marching Band traveled to Chicago May 20-22 to participate in a Festival of Bands adjudication performance. The band performed in Gurnee, Illinois before a panel of judges and received the highest possible score, a superior rating. The scoring is based on a point system which focuses on marching technique, music, appearance and cohesiveness. While in the Chicago area, band members spent part of a day at Six Flags Great America, enjoyed a boat cruise on Lake Michigan aboard the Spirit of Chicago, visited the Navy Pier and the Willis Tower and took in a Blue Man Group performance at the Briar Street Theater.



Third graders at Carnegie Elementary were fortunate to learn about financial literacy through a class sponsored by the Carnegie WesBanco branch. Bank manager Mary Ann Paff talked to students about budgeting, saving money and comparing prices before buying. She also discussed

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the difference between "wanting" versus "needing" and setting short or long term goals to save for a purchase. Students received a number of worksheets and a pamphlet to offer practical guidelines to better illustrate the value of saving.



Over 100 National Honor Society students in grades eight through 12 teamed up with the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy to plant flowers in the Fort Pitt Tunnel west flower garden, known as the "Welcome Garden." Students arrived early to the site by way of school buses and were lead through a doorway inside the tunnel that took them up and over the busy Parkway and into the middle grassy area, a 7,390 square foot flower bed between inbound and outbound traffic.



Once there, they walked to an area of soil prepared by the conservancy and worked diligently to plant some 3,600 petunias, zinnias and other hardy annuals. Once planted, the students carried and carefully added nearly 45 tons of mulch to protect the plants. The Welcome Garden is the most costly and labor-intensive of the conservancy's 140 community gardens. This is the fourth year Carlynton students have eagerly undertaken the task to make the entrance into the city of Pittsburgh a vibrant greeting to those traveling the Parkway West.



The end of the school year brings elections for new leadership positions among the grade levels at Carlynton High School. Carlynton senior class officers for the 2016-2017 school year took



Class of 2017 officers Hannah Diulus, Hannah Bogats, Storm Figura and Molly Kozy.

their rightful place at a senior class ceremony in June to collect the class key. Leading the Class of 2017 will be **Hannah Bogats, Hannah Diulus, Storm Figura and Molly Kozy**. The junior high student council will be guided by officers **Any Carrasco, Erin Fox, Camryn Kwiatkoski, Abigail Lherbier and Savannah Sevracko**. All officers will carry responsibilities to oversee homeroom representatives and school activities while maintaining open communication with peers.



Teachers and students at Crafton Elementary took time to learn the value of reducing, reusing and recycling everyday items during a Remake Learning Day in May. The event, titled Nature Rocks!,

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Pittsburgh Meteorologist Ray Petelin of WTAE-4 visited Carnegie Elementary students to impart lessons about lightning, tornados and other weather patterns. In an assembly that included a scientist from the Carnegie Science Center, youngsters witnessed experiments to illustrate changes in air pressure, the forces of wind and the effects of static electricity. Students wore colored weather hats to the assembly and were seated in the auditorium, front to back, creating the spectrums of a rainbow within the expanse of the room. Carnegie Elementary staff and PTA teamed up to donate a \$300 check for Project Bundle-Up, presented to Petelin at the start of the assembly.

Photos from top: Meteorologist Ray Petelin used a globe to exhibit the continents and the equator and to demonstrate how weather patterns flow over masses of land; Brightly colored weather hats worn by Dante Nelson and the entire student body created a rainbow of color in the auditorium; During the weather assembly, students learned that lightning is caused by static electricity as clouds move over the surface of the earth. Sixth grade volunteers, while participating in an experiment, were a little "shocked" as static electricity crossed from one person to the next.



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Remake Learning Day gave students the opportunity to care for nature by learning to repurpose and recycle. Students worked in the habitat garden on school grounds to weed, mulch and fertilize growing plants.

brought groups together to create homemade bird feeders, compost bags, egg carton butterflies, pop bottle terrariums and solar pizza boxes. Students also worked in the habitat garden on school grounds, weeding, planting mulch and adding handmade stepping stones made by repurposing bottle caps. Members of the local Crafton Community Farm stopped by to offer advice for raising healthy plants and representatives from the Audubon Society were on site to help students learn about local birds and their environments.



The younger grades made bird feeders from all sorts of recycled materials. Using the rind from oranges, these youngsters added peanut butter and bird seed and tied the miniature feeders in trees on school property to later watch in amazement as birds came to feed.

Volunteers from the Pittsburgh-based Hefren-Tillotson once again set their sights on Carnegie Elementary School to interact with students during the school's annual Junior Achievement Day. Individuals from the financial asset company engaged students in age-appropriate exercises to foster collaboration and creative-thinking. Junior Achievement, with a commitment to broaden student knowledge in the principles of a market-based economy, has developed a

curriculum with various topics to help young minds understand business and economics. Carnegie Elementary students learned about saving and spending money and the inner-workings of a small business or town through simulated activities. Older pupils discussed trade and embargo regulations and sanctions with other countries. The overall theme of the day accentuated the demands of the 21st century job market and the skills necessary to meet high-demand jobs in science, technology, engineering and math.



Carlynton sophomores **Amiyah Jackson** and **Madison Todd** and junior **Mariya Vasquez** attend Parkway West Career and Technical Center in the morning and are enrolled in the Health Assistant program. In the spring, the students were placed on the Pennsylvania Nurse Aide



Registry after completing and passing the state nurse's aide certification program and exam, quite an accomplishment for their age. The certification provides the licensing for the girls to be gainfully employed as a CNA or Certified Nursing Assistant and is a notable stepping stone toward a career as a LPN or RN.



Seven members of the Carlynton High School track and field team advanced to the PIAA finals in Shippensburg in late May. Proudly representing the district were **Mackenzie Mangum**, competing in javelin, **Shafique Patterson**, in the 400 meter dash, and **Sofia Carrasco** (alternate), **Sydney Franchick**, **Kylee Merscher**, **Arieona Smith-**



Carlynton High School track and field students medaled at an invitational meet held at Chartiers-Houston High School. Front row includes **Sofia Carrasco**, **Katie Kozy**, **Sydney Franchick** and **Giona Darenkamp**. Standing is **Kylee Merscher**, **Shafique Patterson**, **David Creely**, **Arieona Smith-Purdue**, **John Lewellyn**, **Matt Hilarzewski** and **Marcus Jones**.

Purdue and **Ashleigh Wilson** as a four by 100 relay team.



The Carlynton High School Interact Club sponsored by teacher **Chelsie Fris** took on a new project this year to promote literacy. The organization collected books to subsidize two Little Free Libraries for Carnegie and Crafton elementary schools. The little libraries are available during the summer months near the front main doors of the schools. Books are housed in small wooden houses and area children are encouraged to take a book, free of charge, and return it to the library box after reading. The goal of the Interact club is to build a love for reading and a sense of community. The Little Free Library is the conception of Todd Bol of Wisconsin who established a goal to promote and build over 2,500 free Little Libraries across the country.



The Carlynton School District salutes retirees **Jim Nagorski** and **Cora Pruss**, two individuals who have dedicated a combined 62 years to the district. Mr. Nagorski, a sixth grade teacher at Crafton Elementary, will be missed. His contributions to the school district and his devotion to students in and out of the classroom have contributed to multiple honors in the past. Most recently, he was named a finalist as a National Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Cora Pruss has served as transportation coordinator for the district the past 16 years. In this position, she was the first link between the superintendent and the bus company when determining student safety on cold, snowy mornings. Mrs. Pruss has dependably scheduled all busing for district students, including athletic traveling and other extracurricular activities. Also celebrating retirement this past year were **Nancy Martin**, high school English teacher, **Michael Totin**, high school and elementary business teacher, **Jan Sweeney**, district registrar, and **Michael Dudicz**, custodian.



Jim Nagorski and Cora Pruss