

# Monroe Township School District

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### MTHS STUDENT-ATHLETES TO CONTINUE CAREERS AT COLLEGIATE LEVEL

*MTHS CULMINATES HISTORIC FALL SPORTS SEASON WITH SIGNING DAY CEREMONY*

**Monroe Township, NJ | November 23, 2023** | On Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, six (6) student-athletes at the Monroe Township High School (MTHS) declared their intent to compete at the collegiate level. Before an audience of their peers, family members, faculty, and members of the administration, the high school senior representing four (4) N.J.S.I.A.A. sports participated in the annual signing-day ceremony in the MTHS commons. The ceremony served as an official end to what can be considered measurably one of the school's most successful fall sports seasons in recent history.

"We are proud that so many of our student-athletes will be representing our district at the next level of scholastic competition," said Mr. Steve Barandica, Director of Athletics for the Monroe Township School District. "To have so many of our athletes, representing so many different sports, eligible and qualified to compete at the next level is a testament to the coaches and community support offered to our programs and children. We are excited to see what our Falcons will do next year at the collegiate level."

The six (6) student-athletes who participated in the district's signing day ceremony were:

**Isabella Heiser** | Field Hockey | Montclair State (Division III)

**Harrison Lollin** | Baseball | Penn State University (Division I)

**Dani Lovaglio** | Girls Soccer | Iona (Division I)

**Thomas Pucciarelli** | Boys Lacrosse | PA College of Technology

**Jennifer Ward** | Girls Soccer | The College of New Jersey (Division III)

**Lucas White** | Baseball | Kean University (Division III)

The programmatic success of the Monroe Township High School's fall sports has brought increased attention to the viability and value of the Monroe Township student-athlete. This season, the MTHS enjoyed unprecedented success, across numerous sports for both male and female programs. As a result, the Monroe Township Board of Education will be recognizing the student-athletes and staff at the December 6<sup>th</sup> monthly public meeting. Here is a recap of the Monroe Township High School's Fall Sports successes:

**Boys Soccer** | Conference Champions (Back to Back), Division Champions

**Boys Cross Country** | Sectional Champions\*, Conference Champions (Back to Back), Division Champions

**Girls Soccer** | Conference Champions\*, Division Champions

**Girls Volleyball** | Sectional Champions\*

**Middle School Girls Volleyball** | MS Tournament Champions, Undefeated Season

\*first time in school history

"We are beyond thrilled that so many of our teams, students, and coaches enjoyed such a successful fall sports season," said Dr. Chari Chanley, Superintendent of the Monroe Township School District. "Our district will continue to work tirelessly to support our growing athletic department to ensure all learners can pursue an educationally balanced learning experience as members of our learning community. To enjoy such a wide variety of athletic successes directly supports our goal of building a district culture that enhances all aspects of our children's learning experience." The MTSD Winter Sports Season officially begins Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.

The Monroe Township School District is committed to engaging in ongoing communication with our learning community. For general inquiries, please or opportunities to get involved with our school district, please contact: [community@monroe.k12.nj.us](mailto:community@monroe.k12.nj.us). Please follow us on social media for official MTSD information and happenings. Success is Always a Team Effort!!

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