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PLANTING POSITIVITY

These Seneca Valley students sure do have a green thumb! This month, students from SV's Community Based Vocational Training (CBVT) program graciously delivered plants to all of our school and administration buildings. CBVT students have been nurturing these beautiful plants since March, and now they adorn several offices across the District. A special thank you to our CBVT students for brightening everyone's day! ■



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- June 7 Last Day for K-11 Students (Early Release; release times will be communicated through your child's building)
- June 8 Staff In-Service Day, No School for Students
- June 13 Reports of Student Progress

For more dates, visit: www.svsd.net/WebCalendar

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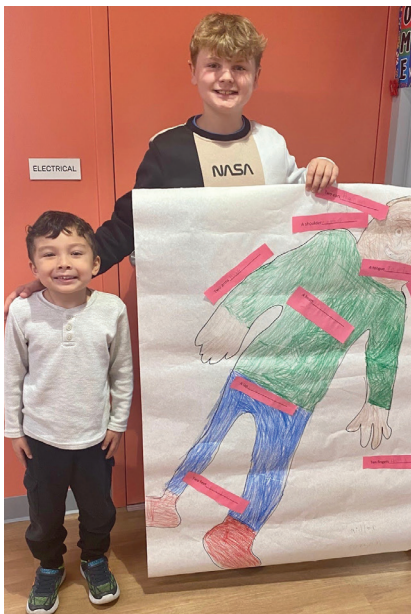
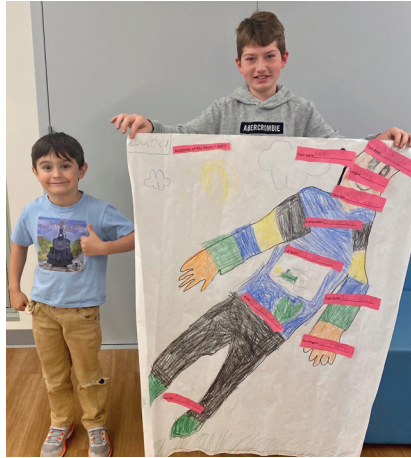
'ANATOMY OF MY MOTHER'

Ehrman Crest students celebrated what makes a mother extra special this Mother's Day. Sixth graders in Ms. Robin Presco's and Ms. Erin Dusenberry's classes collaborated with students in Ms. Dana Nicklas' kindergarten class to create the "Anatomy of My Mother" posters portraying all the wonderful attributes of a mom.

Sixth graders partnered with the kindergarteners to trace an outline of the student on large paper. The pairs worked together to brainstorm phrases they would use to describe their mother while adding decorations and details to their drawings. Students identified the anatomy of their mother using tribute phrases such as: "Two ears to hear you laugh, Ten fingers to feel you tickle me, A lap to sit on for reading books," and more.

Ms. Presco and Ms. Nicklas have spent years collaborating on projects with their students as a way to help create a special mentorship and allow the older students to be positive role models.

Ms. Presco stated, "The students had an absolutely fun morning collaborating on these, as is evident from all the smiling faces!" ■



SHOWING OUR APPRECIATION

Seneca Valley acknowledged our hard-working staff all month long by celebrating teachers, bus drivers, school nurses and cafeteria workers.

Throughout the month, teachers were recognized by administration, principals and PTA/PTO groups that organized food and special treats. Various appreciation luncheon specials included a breakfast spread from the PTO, catered lunches, tasty desserts, room service treats, a make-your-own candy bar and week-long giveaways!



Those responsible for feeding our SV students every week were recognized on School Lunch Hero Day. Our cafeteria staff and meal volunteers prepare healthy food, adhere to strict nutrition standards and navigate student allergies all while offering service with a smile. They daily trade in their capes for aprons, going above and beyond to make sure every student has access to healthy and delicious food.



During School Bus Driver Appreciation Day, drivers were recognized with gifts, special treats and words of appreciation. Parents also shared their favorite stories of our school bus drivers and the many ways they go the extra mile to keep students safe and excited for the school day.



We honor the superstars in scrubs, our nurses at Seneca Valley who make a difference in the lives of children every day. From treating scrapes to being a trusted adult to confide in, school nurses do it all. We appreciate all SV nurses and the many ways they prioritize student health, well-being and happiness! ■



ART TO REFLECT ON

Congratulations to Rowan Elementary School students who participated and won Awards of Excellence and/or Merit for the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) Reflections Program. Many students moved on to the state-wide Reflections Competition.

The students who received medals are Reflection winners at the regional level, covering schools in Northwest Pennsylvania.

Students who received Awards of Excellence include:

At the Intermediate Level

Grade Four:

Yasmeen Fahs - Film Production
Aubriana Kane - Film Production
Aubriana Kane - Literature
Aubriana Kane - Photography
Phoebe Komlos - Film Production
Dylan Whitney - Visual Arts
Dylan Whitney - Literature

Grade Three:

Asher Lippert - Film Production
Asher Lippert - Photography

Sophia Szweda - Music Composition
Sophia Szweda - Literature

At the Primary Level

Grade Two:

Luzia Landgraf - Visual Arts

Grade One:

Gabriel Szweda - Film Production

Congratulations to Phoebe Klomos for winning an Award of Excellence at the State-Level and to Aubriana Kane, Sophie Szweda and Gabe Szweda for winning Awards of Merit at the State Competition.

According to their website, the PTA Reflections Program gives students the



opportunity to engage in the arts and build confidence in their work. Annually, over 300,000 students in preschool through grade 12 create their own unique work of art. ■

All Charged Up

Yasmeen Fahs, a fourth grader at Rowan Elementary, and recent Award of Excellence winner in the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Reflections Contest, has been committed to environmental conservation for some time. According to Miss Fah's mother, Anjela Begmatova, her battery recycling project is a continuation of research she performed last year when she was in third grade.

The Cranberry Eagle recently featured Yasmeen in a story about her research and accolades, along with her desire to see the battery recycling project continue next school year at Haine Middle School as she moves on to fifth grade. To read more about Miss Fahs, go to [Rowan Elementary students win Department of Energy poster contest - Cranberry Eagle](#). ■

NEW HORIZONS

This month, Ms. Elana Kriess, a fourth-grade teacher at Connoquenessing Valley Elementary School (CVE), invited students to participate in an annual national poster contest through the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP). This year's contest theme was: **Nuevos Horizontes para la**



comunicación y la cultura (New Horizons for communication and culture).

The 105th Annual Conference, hosted in Salamanca, Spain, attracts thousands of



entries across the country. CVE students did a great job participating and entered very impressive artistic interpretations of the theme! ■



MAY IS NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

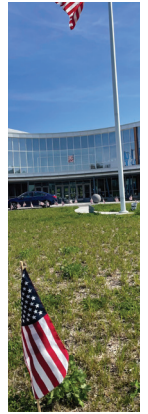
FOUR-STAR VISIT

All hands were on deck as several classes of Ehrman Crest (EC) Elementary and Middle School students were treated to a topside visit from Retired (Four Star) U.S. Navy Admiral Jonathan Greenert, a Butler County native and relative of two EC students.

A graduate of the United States Naval Academy, Adm. Greenert went on to Command the Pacific Nuclear Submarine Fleet, U.S. Navy 7th Fleet Southeast Asia and U.S. Navy Atlantic Fleet, Norfolk, Virginia. He was promoted to Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) in 2011, which is the highest-ranking military office in the United States Navy. He was the 30th CNO in U.S. Navy history and retired in 2015 after a four-year term.

The students enjoyed learning about his job duties and visibly reacted to his many travel adventures. The most exciting part of the day was receiving challenge coins from the Admiral for their questions and attention. As he ended his visit, his advice to students included encouraging them to travel, write/call their mothers and, most importantly, “to dream.”

It was our honor to have him visit! ■



A SPECIAL VISIT FROM VETERANS

Students at the Seneca Valley Senior High School (SHS) recently learned what it means to live a life worthy of a veteran's sacrifice when they had the chance to speak to several Vietnam War Veterans who are part of Vietnam Veterans Inc., an organization dedicated to assisting and honoring the war heroes.

The students had the opportunity to learn firsthand about the Vietnam War and the challenges the men and women faced when they returned. The veterans were open about the pain of losing friends who were closer to them than brothers. They also spoke about survivor's guilt and the benefit of talking about their time in Vietnam and being with others who have had a similar experience.

"Their message of overcoming adversity and healing from trauma was powerful," stated SV Emotional Support Teacher Ms. Carol-Lynn Dubovi, who had the privilege of serving as a Guardian on the

veteran Honor Flight Pittsburgh to Washington D.C., in October 2022 and May 2023. "Not only did the students learn facts about war, but also lessons about life." ■



AN UN-FUR-GETTABLE VISIT

Ehrman Crest Schools (EC) had their first visit from a therapy dog earlier this month. Mr. Sektnan, a fourth-grade teacher at EC, brought his Alliance Therapy Dog Sophia to visit with students and staff. After taking a three-part test to earn certification as a therapy team, Mr. Sektnan and Sophia visit classes two to three times a week. This summer they are planning to volunteer at the Pittsburgh International Airport, local libraries and hospitals. In Sophia's free time, she also enjoys attending agility class, taking long walks, swimming and playing with her little fur brother Levi. ■



TAKING IT TO THE STAGE

The spotlight was on Ehrman Crest Elementary (ECE) third graders this month as they took part in an exciting presentation and workshop with actress Ashlyn Boots. Ms. Boots has a unique repertoire of acting experiences including local theater, the Broadway stage and on-screen acting. She is also a network actress for Nickelodeon and was a cast-member for "School of Rock."



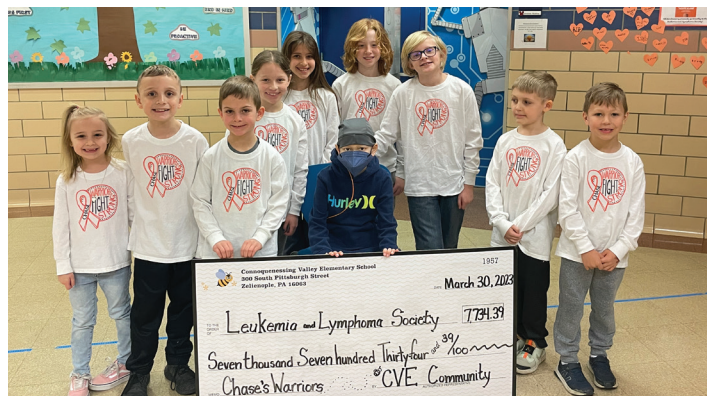
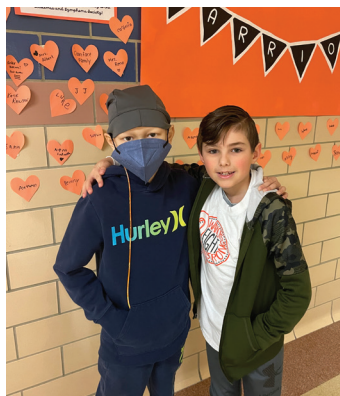
Students learned about Ms. Boot's career and also presented scenes from their upcoming musical productions. They then received feedback from Ms. Boots and were given the chance to integrate the pointers in a live, practice session.

All third graders at ECE will participate in musical productions at the end of the school year, including, "Alice's Adventures with Idioms," and "It's Electrifying!" They did a great job practicing their acting skills and learning from a local performer! ■

A COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION

Students at Connoquenessing Valley Elementary School (CVE) recently participated in a fundraising effort in honor of Chase Collins, a fourth-grade student. Staff and students combined their efforts to raise over \$7,700 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. From hosting a coin drive and bracelet sale to selling raffle baskets, CVE students, staff and parents came together in a sincere way. Mr. Collins was even able to stop by and share the joy.

"We are grateful for all the efforts the CVE community put forth," stated Jodi Albert, Connoquenessing Valley Elementary School Tech Facilitator. "We are very proud." ■



STUDENTS SHINE AT ACADEMIC GAMES

Seneca Valley had 32 students from various grade levels compete against approximately 800 other students from schools all over the country in the Academic Games League of America (AGLOA) National Tournament, which took place in Orlando, Florida, April 21-24.

There are four divisions in the Academic Games, made up of Elementary (grades 5-6), Middle (grades 7-8), Junior (grades 9-10) and Senior (grades 11-12). Students then compete in seven types of games: Equations, On-Sets, Linguistics, Theme, Propaganda, Current Events and Presidents.

In the Elementary Division, Emily Browne was awarded National Champion in the Game of Linguistics and Breanna Zimmerman was awarded National Champion in the Game of Equations. In Linguistics, Emily Browne, Rahdin Esni, Eli Kopchinsky, Alex Meeder and Breanna Zimmerman were fourth-place team members. In Equations, Emily Browne, Rahdin Esni and Breanna Zimmerman were tenth-place team members.

In the Middle Division, Cora Suereth was a sixth-place individual in the Game of Propaganda and Albert Pimenov was a sixth-place individual in Current Events. In the Game of Propaganda, Caelan Buchanan, Albert Pimenov and Cora Suereth were second-place team members. In Theme, Caleb Gretz and Cora Suereth were fifth-place team members and Kyla Biertempfel was a sixth-place team member.

Within the Junior Division, Maddox Grupp was a sixth-place individual in the Game of Propaganda, Eli Lippert was a seventh-place individual in Current Events and Rohin Jayaraman was an eighth-place individual in Equations. Michael Kravec, Maddox Grupp and



Eli Lippert were third-place team members in Current Events. Rohin Jayaraman, Eli Lippert and Sarah Ghaffar were fourth-place team members in Theme.

“With hundreds of players coming together from across the country, we’re delighted that SV had 32 competitors,” said Ms. Julie Smith, RGMS science teacher and head of the SV Academic Games and middle division advisor. “We commend them all for their effort and are full of pride for our winners.”

In addition to the student awards, Jeremiah Friday, Haine Elementary School gifted support teacher and Academic Games elementary advisor, was named one of the Academic Games Leagues of America Outstanding Educators.

“Fred Rogers once suggested to take ten seconds to think of the people who have helped you become who you are, and after winning AGLOA’s Outstanding Educator Award, I began to think about all those who have helped us to build a successful Academic Games program at Haine and Ehrman Crest Middle Schools,” said Mr. Friday. “It is easy to be an outstanding educator when you work with other incredible coaches. Ms. Jen Exler, Ms. Julie Smith and Mr. Mike Stebbins are fantastic colleagues, who work to support our entire Academic Games program. In



addition, our team has enjoyed amazing support from the administration and staff of both Haine and Ehrman Crest Middle Schools. Finally, my Academic Games coach from Riverside, Stephanie Mazzei, deserves much of the credit for our elementary team’s success. In fact, Mrs. Mazzei was named AGLOA’s Outstanding Educator Award 30 years ago, in 1993. Finally, thank you most of all to all of the players who have participated in the Haine and Ehrman Crest Middle Schools Academic Games program over the past 16 years.”

Students who competed in the AGLOA National Tournament include Violet Acosta, Emily Browne, Rahdin Esni, Moorthy Maharajan, Alex Meeder, Eliza Morley, Alexander Sbrolla, Luke Sloan, Kathryn Takac, Breanna Zimmerman, Ella Jacisin, Brennan Kaye, Eli Kopchinsky, Lila Padgelek, Graham Platt, Kyla Biertempfel, Caelan Buchanan, Billy Conway, Caleb Gretz, Joe LaGamba, Maya Maharajan, Albert Pimenov, Erin Sbrolla, Cora Suereth, Eric Chen, Arvand Esni, Eli Lippert, Heath Lyon, Maddox Grupp, Michael Kravec, Rohin Jayaraman and Sarah Ghaffar.

“It was great to see our students compete,” said Mr. Michael Stebbins, Seneca Valley Senior High School Librarian and junior and high school divisions advisor. “Our goal was to go to Orlando and place as high as we could while competing against some of the best players in the country.” ■

'UNDER THE STARS'

SV students danced the night away "Under the Stars" at the Seneca Valley 2023 prom on Saturday, May 13. Prom-goers celebrated the star-studded scenery at Stage AE.

Earlier this month, seniors chose 22 classmates to represent their prom court. The ladies of the 2023 Prom Court are Leanne Abel, Avery Flood, Abigail Garrity, Kate Glover, Elizabeth Hixon, Leta Hixon, Anna Jaecke, Allison Larrimer, Chloe Leonard, Natalie Thomas and Dylann Volz.

The gentlemen of the court include Keegan Baic, James Beck, Gavin Blazer, Evan Bulvin, Tyler Chappell, Nickolas Dillon, Ben Grewar, Luke Lawson, Colton Marley, Dante Runco and Haihan Xu.

At the event, Natalie Thomas was crowned queen and Ben Grewar king.

Natalie is the daughter of Laura and the late Jamie Thomas of Cranberry Township.

Ben is the son of Peter and Lisa Grewar of Cranberry Township.

Congratulations to Seneca Valley's 2023 Prom Queen and King! ■



LET THE GAMES BEGIN

Students at Ryan Gloyer Middle School (RGMS) are going for gold! The RGMS Tiger Team recently competed in an Olympic Day to celebrate the Greek Olympics, an important part of the middle school social studies curriculum.

The students competed in several events that were based on ancient Olympic games. In addition, they designed team logos, created and memorized team chants and demonstrated the importance of teamwork and support for their peers. ■



THINKING INSIDE THE BOX

Students and their families put their heads together to celebrate creativity, critical thinking and innovation for the third annual Family Cardboard Challenge at Connoquenessing Valley Elementary School (CVE).

All families were challenged to use their imagination to create and build anything using cardboard and recycled materials. Students also had to make a 30-second Flipgrid video explaining their creation.

These innovative masterpieces were put on display during CVE's Open House where visitors had the opportunity to vote on their favorite creation.

There were a total of 30 entries and the top three designs won generous prize packages to local businesses. The winners included Crew Edmisten who placed first for his 'Saturday Morning' display, Evie Ostrum who placed second for her Dragon, Christian Harrow who placed third for his Bowser creation and Zoey Pint who received an honorable mention for her Minecraft display. ■



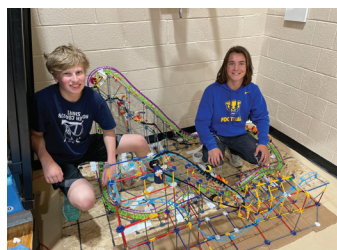
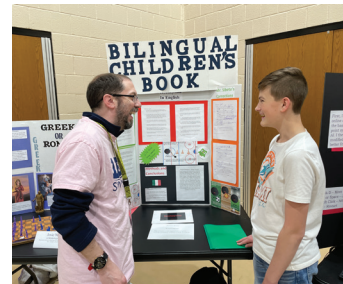
SCENARIO SHOWCASE

Ryan Gloyer Middle School (RGMS) Gifted students presented their projects earlier this month for Scenario Showcase, an event featuring nearly 150 seventh and eighth grade students displaying the captivating projects they have worked on all year long.

The purpose of the Scenario Showcase is to celebrate the achievements, creativity and innovative thinking shown by the RGMS Gifted students who undertook the challenge of designing and completing an independent scenario project.

Some student projects included entrepreneurship in culinary arts, cosmetics and photography, starting a sports podcast, collecting scientific research, learning the skills to become a blacksmith, soldering and fixing damaged circuit boards and hosting a donation drive for a local kennel which included sign-ups for adoption meetings. Other students led fundraisers; one benefiting the Seneca Valley Foundation (SVF) and another that raised \$1,500 for Children's Cancer Research.

"The Scenario Showcase allows students the opportunity to dive into one of their passions or explore one of their curiosities," said Mr. Zeke Stroupe, RGMS Gifted Support teacher. "It is amazing to provide them the chance to manage a year-long endeavor where they truly are in charge. The amount of learning they undergo spans far beyond their specific area of research into skills that will be used for a lifetime. It is an honor to help guide and mentor them through this amazing process." ■



SHE SHOTS ... SHE SCORES

Seventh grader at Ryan Gloyer Middle School (RGMS), Erin Sbrolla raised nearly \$1,800 for the Seneca Valley Foundation (SVF) by means of spearheading a basketball tournament for her Scenario Showcase project. Inspired by her goal of engaging students at school through sports and increasing attendance, Miss Sbrolla designed the basketball tournament to be played during FLEX periods over the last few months with a fee of \$5 per player. Teams advanced through the tournament weekly until the championship game which was during an assembly where students had to pay a small admission fee to attend.

The tournament was a huge success! Over 100 students played in the basketball tournament and about 430 students attended the assembly. Through this unique project, Miss Sbrolla engaged roughly 40% of the student population at RGMS and raised money for the SVF,



a non-profit corporation dedicated to encouraging excellence and innovation in the Seneca Valley Schools. ■



Pictured L to R: Mr. Zeke Stroupe, RGMS Gifted Support teacher, Erin Sbrolla, Ms. Annie Mersing, Seneca Valley Foundation Director and RGMS Assistant Principal, Mr. Rob Raso.

AWARD-WINNING POETRY

Four seventh grade students from Ryan Gloyer Middle School (RGMS) were recently recognized for their award-winning poems at the 2023 Waldman Arts & Writing Awards, hosted by the Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh.

Seventh graders Megan Gates and Kayla Moslander were school winners in the poetry middle school category, Leah Malley won in the education outreach middle school category and Abigail Mihalacki won best middle school poem, which also included \$250.

Each year, students in the gifted education classes at RGMS partner with Classrooms Without Borders (CWB) for a Holocaust unit by bringing in teacher and playwright,

Susan Stein. Ms. Stein speaks to students about diaries written by young people during the Holocaust and how they can use writing skills to impact their lives now.

“Since Ms. Stein’s first visit, we’ve been completing poems based on the diaries that we studied,” said Ryan Gloyer Middle School Gifted Support Teacher Mr. Zeke Stroupe. “This year, my students completed a series of poems and blew me away. From there, Mrs. Loewy met with interested students to polish their work and then submitted them to a contest for the Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh.”

The Waldman Arts & Writing awards ceremony took place on May 10, at Chatham University. This annual event



allows students in grades 6-12 to compete for financial scholarships and winners are honored with prizes and certificates. ■

CELEBRATING ‘SCHOOLS TO WATCH’

On Thursday, May 18, Ryan Gloyer Middle School (RGMS) was officially presented with the distinguished honor of redesignation as 2023 PA Don Eichhorn “Schools to Watch” (PA STW).

The event, hosted in the RGMS gymnasium, featured school-wide festivities including performances from the band, chorus and orchestra, as well as a slideshow presentation of photos courtesy of RGMS yearbook staff members Kalene Ireland and Courtney Strieby. A representation of students and staff were present for the event which was also livestreamed for the whole school to view.

RGMS is one of only 10 exemplary Middle Grades Schools in Pennsylvania have been named a PA STW as part of a recognition program developed by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform. RGMS received this honor as a fourth PA STW redesignation after receiving the initial recognition 12 years ago.

SV senior Regan Ridenour presented her senior project at the event which showcased her mural of Ryan Gloyer Art. The dedicated mural will be hung in the main hallway at RGMS next to the display case honoring Mr. Gloyer.

“I created it to inspire all of us to be like Ryan,” stated Ms. Ridenour. “Ryan taught us that we can do anything, that it is important to have others and to stick to what you believe in. Keep trying and learning and, most importantly, enjoy life.”

PA STW State leaders selected each school for its academic excellence, developmental

responsiveness, social equity and organizational structures and processes. In addition, each school has strong leadership, teachers who work together to improve curriculum and instruction, and a commitment to assessment and accountability to bring about continuous improvement. ■



MAKING CONNECTIONS

This month, Seneca Valley juniors and seniors had the opportunity to explore what their futures might hold.

The SV Job Fair was held in the Senior High School (SHS) Gymnasium on May 4. Seniors in search of full-time employment were encouraged to bring their resumes and meet with company representatives to learn more about a variety of options and career benefits available to them. Juniors were also invited to explore summer employment and internship positions.

Approximately 30 local companies were in attendance with specific opportunities for company advancement, apprenticeships, on-the-job training and tuition assistance. ■



CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF THE GRADUATION PROJECT

Seniors are beginning to wrap up their final year, but not before one important presentation, the Seneca Valley Graduation Project. For the past 25 years, the Seneca Valley Graduation Project has been impacting the lives of thousands and even paving the way for future careers and commitments to community service.

This past year several seniors chose projects that not only enriched their own lives but impacted others and communities as well. Over 100 students learned more about careers through job shadowing, nearly 70 completed volunteer projects, about 25 hosted clinics and nearly 50 students organized fundraising projects that raised over thousands of dollars.

Senior Devin Latsko dedicated his Graduation Project to sharing his personal story and being an ambassador for the American Heart Association. Last year he went into sudden cardiac arrest during gym class and his gym teacher performed Hands-Only CPR until the paramedics arrived. Throughout this past year, Mr. Latsko has been working with his school community to educate his peers and teachers about heart health, the American Heart Association and lifesaving tools like CPR and AEDs. During Mr. Latsko's

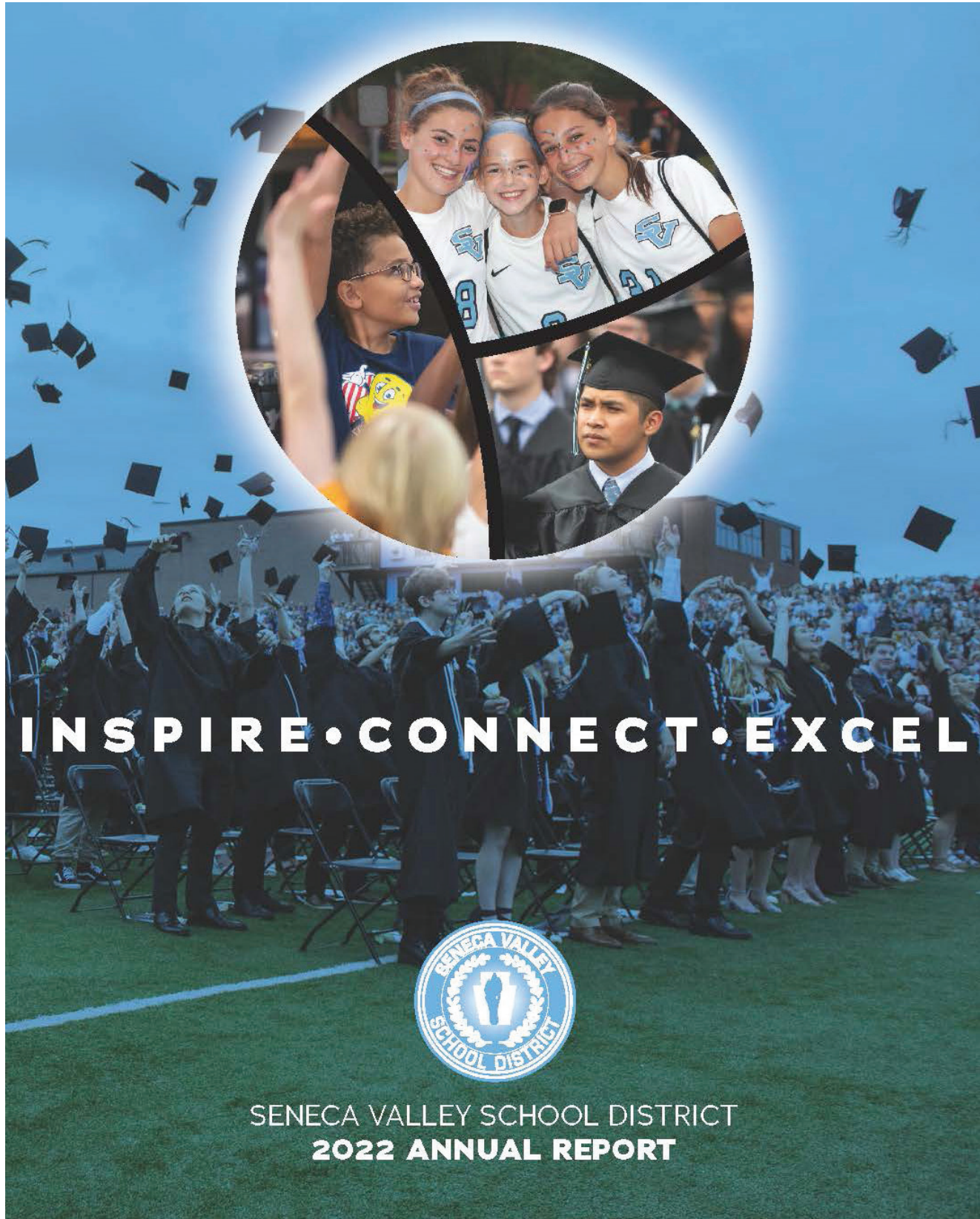
presentation on May 12, he surprised his gym teacher, Mr. Todd Schoeffel, with the American Heart Association Heartsaver Hero Award.

In celebration of the 25th anniversary, students and staff members enjoyed festivities in the Senior High School (SHS) lobby including light refreshments, raffles, a photobooth and more. ■



SENECA VALLEY PRESENTS “INSPIRE. CONNECT. EXCEL.”

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CELEBRATING WITH 'SIGNING DAY'

The Seneca Valley Performing Arts department celebrated students who will be pursuing performing arts related fields in college by organizing its annual "Signing Day." Students and families were invited to participate by having a picture taken to commemorate their decision. The Seneca Valley Performing Arts department includes Band, Choir, Orchestra, Dance, Theatre and Video Production students. ■



Maddie Shipe
Baldwin Wallace
University
Conservatory of Music
Bass Performance



Elizabeth Hixon
Slippery Rock
University
Music Education



Leta Hixon
Liberty University
Commercial Music/
Songwriting



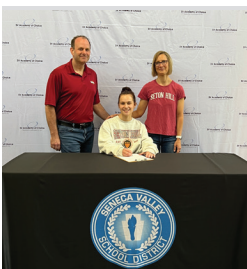
Nicole Brown
Slippery Rock
University
Music Therapy



Anya Maschmeier
University of North
Carolina Greensboro
Musical Theater



Colton Marley
Duquesne University
Music Education



Riss Hotton
Seton Hill University
Musical Theater

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC AND VISUAL ARTS HAVE STRUCK A CHORD AT SV

On Thursday, May 4, the Seneca Valley Band Department hosted their annual spring concert. To complement the traditional music programming, a multimedia component was added. The band directors set out to include large-scale visuals that would coincide with some of the pieces



to be performed. One of the visual aspects featured included works of art produced by some of our very own Seneca Valley art students. Under the creative leadership of Jason Shorr, SV Intermediate High School art teacher, students were given the task to produce pictures of various American composers. The created pieces were then featured on large screens during the musical performance written by one of America's most famous composers, George Gershwin.

Mr. Shorr stated, "Working collaboratively alongside the music department on this concept was an exciting opportunity for my visual art students. We were able to directly adapt an existing project, within the curriculum, to a cross-curricular exploration of the visual and performing arts. I'm really hoping we can do a project like this again in the future!"

Junior Clare Roberts stated, "The composer project let us use technology along with other mediums to better ourselves and learn about the composers behind some iconic 20th century music."

Based on the success of this collaboration, there is sure to be further partnering between departments. Highlighting student accomplishments in more innovative ways continues to be a goal within our Seneca Valley Fine and Performing Arts. ■



SV THESPIANS PRESENT ANNUAL 'SPRING PLAY'

The Seneca Valley Thespians recently produced a hilarious take on a Shakespeare classic, titled "Midsummer/Jersey." "Midsummer/Jersey" is the re-telling of Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream" set on the boardwalk of a seaside town in modern-day New Jersey. The story revolves around the impending marriage of the Governor of New Jersey, the love affairs of four beach-bound high school crushes, a lively crew of fairies and the staff of the local beauty salon. The night takes a magical turn when Oberon and the impish Puck arrive on the scene armed with a powerful love potion and a desire for mischief-making. The Thespians had a great time prepping for this show, including the practice of using accents and also a little bit of stage-combat!

"I enjoy preparing something for the students that not only showcases their acting talent but allows them to work on a new skill at the same time," said director and producer



Amber Hugus. "Using accents is no easy feat, and they enjoyed trying out Jersey accents! I think they were quite successful in the end."

The show had a good turnout and the students were proud of their accomplishments of staging a full-length production for their families and friends. Junior Emilia Garcia who played Puck, shared, "Being in the spring play is my favorite part of the whole school year. Everyone in the cast and crew was amazing and worked so hard. Getting to do what I love with people who make it fun is an incredible privilege. Ms. Hugus puts so much time and effort into the spring play to make it enjoyable and a great production."

Sophomore Patrick Monahan, who played Oberon, stated, "The spring play was such an amazing experience full of wonderful people. It was a very funny show that I loved performing. Everyone in the play was so kind and supportive of each other, and that's just really awesome. It was hard work, but incredibly worth it." ■



EIGHTH GRADE ORCHESTRA PERFORMS IN HERSHEY

On Friday, May 5, students from Seneca Valley eighth grade orchestra participated in an adjudication festival in Hershey, Pa. Students completed their festival, where they received a rating of excellent, and spent the day in the park riding rollercoasters with their friends!

SV Orchestra Director Sarah Miller shared, "This was a great day for eighth grade students and one of their best performances of the year! A great note to end on!" ■



SV INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC DEPARTMENT HOSTS MS MUSIC PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

Orchestra and band students in sixth and seventh grade recently completed the first instrumental Music Performance Assessment (MPA) on Thursday, May 25. The MPA is a formal way to quantify the musical success and growth of the students and groups that participated. This assessment is established through the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) as an additional opportunity for students to perform and grow as musicians. The day featured wonderful performances from sixth grade students from Haine Middle School and Ehrman Crest Middle school as well as seventh grade students from Ryan Gloyer Middle school. These performances were adjudicated by multiple judges. One of the judges was former Seneca Valley employee and elementary band director, Sue Van Arsdale. The directors of each ensemble were very proud of their students' hard work. Ensembles and director names are listed below.

Ehrman Crest Middle School Orchestra 6 - Mrs. Amanda Lesney

Ehrman Crest Middle School Band 6 - Mrs. Tracy Glass

Haine Middle School Orchestra 6 - Mrs. Marlina Hasara

Haine Middle School Band 6 - Mrs. Kelly Levere

Ryan Gloyer Middle School Orchestra 7 - Ms. Sarah Miller

Ryan Gloyer Middle School Band 7 - Mrs. Sara Snyder and Mr. Brian Croach ■



'TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME'

The Pirates are stepping up to the plate this year and so is the Ryan Gloyer Middle School (RGMS) Chorus! Over 150 SV singers (plus an additional 700 Seneca Valley family 'fans') performed the National Anthem at PNC Park for a Pirates game on Wednesday, April 26, in front of an audience of over 12,000 spectators.

"Our students at Seneca Valley are amazing. I feel so lucky that I get to work with these students every day," said RGMS Chorus Instructor Chessa Crum. "They rehearsed and performed our National Anthem in three-part harmony, which is



Photo courtesy of the Pittsburgh Pirates

not an easy task for most people in the stands. It is always great to see young people performing and sharing their talents with others, especially performing for an

audience of thousands of people in the stands. I feel so grateful that we are able to give our amazing students opportunities like this at Seneca Valley." ■



CELEBRATED EXCELLENCE!

As we near the completion of yet another school year, the month of May provides us an opportunity to celebrate the excellence of all our students – from senior boards to senior awards, from post-season play to post-season honors. Each year I am astounded by the accomplishments of our graduating seniors and 2023 is no different. These graduating seniors have brought home national honors as Merit Scholars and have been recognized as nationally ranked athletes. They will proudly wear medals of distinction as PMEA performers and WPIAL and PIAA champions and cords of

academic excellence. Collectively, the Class of 2023 has represented our District with immense pride and has showcased our District’s commitment to fostering greatness in each student. Personally, I have witnessed an abundance of talent in the Class of 2023 through our performing arts, athletics, and activities and I am grateful for our shared experiences. I wish each of our graduating seniors a life full of prosperity, generosity, good fortune and good health. Thank you, Class of 2023 – you have not only aspired to excellence, but you have also attained excellence! ■

SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT

On Monday, May 16, we had an opportunity to recognize many accomplished students, including six deserving student-athlete award recipients. The following awards were presented, and honorees recognized.



The Sherman Award – Female MVP awarded to Anna Johnson (Golf/Lacrosse): This award is presented by the Sherman Family. It goes to a female athlete with the following characteristics: athletic ability 50%, character 30%, and scholarship 20%.



The Murray Award – Female awarded to Kendall Walton (Soccer/Lacrosse): This award is given to a senior female who has outstanding athletic and academic standards.



The NexTier Award – Male MVP awarded to Beaux Lizewski (Soccer): This award is given to a male athlete with the following characteristics: athletic ability 50%, character 30%, and scholarship 20%.



The Murray Award – Male awarded to Haihan Xu (Swimming & Diving): This award is given to a senior male who has outstanding athletic and academic standards.



The O’Shea Award awarded to Virginia “Ginny” Frnk (Soccer): This award is given to a student who most ably demonstrated the traits of Perseverance, Courage, and Desire during the current year. He/she need not be a starter, a star, or a letter winner. The student should be an athlete who has overcome the most severe obstacles or the greatest



Knichel Logistics Female Positive Athlete Award awarded to Chloe Leonard (Soccer/Basketball): This award is designed to recognize a female student-athlete who exhibits the aspects of positive sporting behavior, exceptional sportsmanship, and genuine leadership. ■

adversity to participate in athletics during the current year. The O’Shea Award is presented by the Knights of Columbus in Zelienople, Pa in memory of Doc O’Shea.

COLLEGE COMMITMENTS – CLASS OF 2023



Raider student-athletes continue to make their college commitment official through the winter months. We congratulate these seniors in achieving their goals of continuing their athletic and academic careers at the next level. Each of you are tremendous representatives of Raider Athletics and we are proud of your efforts in the classroom, in competition, and in the community.

Name	Sport	College/University	Major
Gracen Heilman	Track & Field	University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown	Justice Admin. & Crim.
Sam Hersick	Diving	Loyola University of Maryland	Computer Science
Grant Hoover	Volleyball	University of Health Sciences & Pharmacy	Biomedical Sciences
Jonathon Price	Track & Field	Indiana University of PA	Nursing
Joshua Wolfe	Baseball	Charleston Southern University	Business ■

ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

April 2023

The Female Athlete of the Month for April was girl's lacrosse attacker **Macy McMullen**. The senior captain has had a strong end to the season, helping the Raiders clinch a spot in the Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League (WPIAL) Girl's Lacrosse 3A Playoffs. She has tallied 20 goals over the last 10 games for an average of two goals a game. Macy's standout performance came in an overtime win over Shaler where she scored six goals, including the game-winner. Not only a scorer, Macy has also dished out nine assists as well. To top it all off, Macy achieved a career milestone by scoring her 100th career goal, notching the feat in a game against Fox Chapel. We recognize Macy as the April Female Athlete of the Month. Congratulations Macy!



The Male Athlete of the Month for April was boy's lacrosse attacker **Colton Garner**. A sophomore, Colton had a record-breaking month, scoring an incredible 49 goals over 10 games for a 4.9 goals per game average. This tally included 10 and 12 goals respectively in wins over Butler and Hempfield, accounting for over 55% of goals scored by the Raiders. His efforts led him to be named the Male Athlete of the Week by the Cranberry Eagle. Over this 10-game period, Colton has also supplied 19 assists to his teammates, helping the Raiders earn the No. 7 seed for WPIAL Boy's Lacrosse Playoffs. For an eye-catching month, we recognize Colton as the April Male Athlete of the Month. Congratulations Colton! ■



SO UNCOMMON IN SPORT

The Northern Area Athletics Directors Association (NADA) recently honored a small collection of student-athletes who compete in three sports during their senior year. In this era of youth sport, to compete in three sports as a high school senior is a rare and uncommon experience. We recognize our two honorees – Julia Wary and Jeremiah Laslavic – for their vast contributions to our Athletics program. Jeremiah will graduate with three PIAA state medals around his neck – two in soccer and one in swimming & diving. We recognize Julia for her contributions as a runner and congratulate her for being awarded one of two scholarships by NADA for her contributions as a student, an athlete and honorable citizen in our community. ■



SPRING SEASON SPORT RECAPS

Baseball

At the time of this writing, Raider baseball was currently awaiting their WPIAL opening round playoff contest. The Raiders tied atop the section standings with a section mark of 8-4 and an overall record of 16-4 on the season. Seneca Valley enters the WPIAL 6A bracket as the fourth seed and will face off against fifth-seed Mount Lebanon. The winner advances to the semi-finals to face the winner of Pine-Richland vs. Hempfield. Good luck in post-season play!



Softball

The returning WPIAL champions are set to defend their title from a year ago, entering the WPIAL 6A bracket as the number one seed. With a 3-0 win over visiting Hempfield on the final day of the season, congratulations to the Raiders for clinching their first section title since 2017. Raider softball finished with a 15-1 section mark and overall record of 16-1. They will face Pine-Richland in the semi-finals of the WPIAL 6A bracket. Good luck softball!



Boys' Lacrosse

Congratulations to Raider boys' lacrosse who advanced to the quarterfinals of the WPIAL 3A bracket before falling to No. 2 seed Mt. Lebanon. SV finished the season with an 11-6 overall mark and 4-3 in section play. They defeated Hempfield 15-9 in the opening round of the playoffs before ending their season on the road at Mt. Lebanon. We congratulate this team on yet another post-season appearance and wish all graduating seniors the best in their future endeavors.



Girls' Lacrosse

Raider girls' lacrosse once again qualified for the WPIAL championships and faced a tough Canon-Mac opponent on the road in the opening round. Despite jumping out to an early lead, the Big Macs bounced back and captured a 15-6 win over SV. We congratulate this team on yet another post-season appearance and wish all graduating seniors the best in their future endeavors.



Boys' Tennis

The boys' varsity tennis team closed out their 2023 season with back-to-back wins over Norwin and Chartiers Valley. The Raiders finished the season with an overall record of 9-6. We congratulate this team on yet another winning season and wish all graduating seniors the best in their future endeavors.



Track & Field

Congratulations to our Raider boys' track & field team for winning their WPIAL Team Championships semi-final bracket and advancing to the finals of the WPIAL Team Championships. This accomplishment is a testament to the depth of our Raider boys' track & field program in 2023 and the work put in by each team member. At the WPIAL Individual Championships, the following athletes medal-winning performances qualified them for the PIAA state meet in late May at Shippensburg University.



- Jayden Price – Long Jump (WPIAL runner-up); Triple Jump (WPIAL 4th place)
- Jonathon Price – Triple Jump (WPIAL 3rd place); 110 Hurdles (WPIAL runner-up)
- Boys 4 x 800 Relay (WPIAL 4th place) – Eli DeWitt, Ryan Karpinsky, Ryan Domencic, and Ethan Barnett

On the girls' side, junior Claire Riehl finished the 400m with a time of 59.80 seconds at WPIALs to move up to No. 6 all-time in Raider girls' track & field history.

Boys' Volleyball

Led by the senior leadership of Grant Hoover and Steven Mazur, Raider boys' volleyball finished the season tied for third place in their section and advanced to the quarterfinal round of the WPIAL 3A bracket before falling at North Allegheny, 3-1. It was another outstanding season with some exceptional performances for boys' volleyball and we congratulate them and wish Grant and Steven all the best in their future endeavors. ■



ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS ANNOUNCED IN SPRING SPORTS



The Big 56 Conference recently announced its spring sport honorees in baseball and softball and the Raiders were well represented. The following Seneca Valley student-athletes were recognized for their excellence on the field.

SOFTBALL

1st Team

Lexie Hames

2nd Team

Bella Gross
Neve Miller
Kara Pasquale

Honorable Mention

Lily Hicks
Anna Kalkowski
Emry Rice
Mia Ryan

BASEBALL

1st Team

Creed Erdos
Zack Tkatch
Hunter Troiano

2nd Team

Mike DeDuca
Evan Tomasic

Honorable Mention

Luke Anderton
AJ Capizzi
Nick Parrotto
Brock White

Boys Volleyball All-Section

The WPIAL boys' volleyball coaches recently announced their All-Section teams for the 2023 season and the Raiders were well represented.

1st Team

Grant Hoover

2nd Team

Nicholas Dunmire
Jordan Hoover

Third Team

Peter Breski
Matthew DeGraff
Steven Mazur
Matt Mirilovich ■

WE ARE PLANNING FOR 2023-24

Physical, drug & concussion test dates

The athletic department has announced its summer athletic physicals, drug testing and baseline concussion testing dates for 2023-24. Please note these plans are subject to change.

REMINDERS for 2023-24:

- All required paperwork for athletic participation in 2023-24 will be available on [SV Portal](#) starting Thursday, June 1 - no paperwork may be completed prior to June 1.
- **ALL fall sport** paperwork is due in the athletic office no later than 3 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 3. Coaches will not accept paperwork at the first day of tryouts.
- Dates for physicals are not confirmed yet. Once dates are set, we will announce. Please note physicals are first come, first served - we do not take reservations in advance. *We encourage families to have their physical completed as soon as possible after June 1, 2023. You may visit your PCP or any Urgent Care Clinic for an athletic physical.*
- The PIAA mandates the CIPPE form as the only permissible form for doctor's signature.

- All student-athletes must be registered in the [SV Portal](#) under "Sports Registration" before competing. Registration **begins** Thursday, June 1.
- Complete information available on the District's Athletics website under "Participation and TRYOUT information" starting Thursday, June 1.
- Concussion baseline testing only needs to be done every other year. Parents may call the Athletics Office at (724) 452-6040, x1752 to confirm the status of their child's baseline concussion test.

Drug Testing, Athletic Physicals, and Baseline Concussion Testing Dates – Senior High School

- **Tuesday, July 11**, from 3 – 7 p.m.
- **Wednesday, July 12**, from 8 a.m. – Noon and 1 – 3 p.m.
 - 60 physicals from 8 a.m. – Noon; 30 physicals from 1 – 3 p.m.
- **Tuesday, August 1**, from 3 – 7 p.m.
- **Wednesday, August 2**, from 8 a.m. – Noon and 1– 3 p.m.
 - 60 physicals from 8 a.m. – Noon

GIFT OF HOPE GOLF CLASSIC – BE A SPONSOR TODAY!

There is still time to register and/or sponsor upcoming **Gift of Hope Golf Classic** presented by **BATAVIA STUDIOS** which will be held on Aug. 3, at Cranberry Highlands. This event is a vital part of our fundraising efforts, and we would love for you to be a part of this day of fun and socializing, all for a great cause.

Use the QR Code below to register your foursome and secure your sponsorship. (Forms can also be mailed in with payment.) For additional details, click [here](#). ■

<p>PRESENTING SPONSORS \$10,000</p> <p>Recognition on All Event Media 3 Complimentary Foursomes & 12 Dinner Passes Premium Signage at Registration, Reception and Premium Holes 1 & 10, Full-Page Ad in Presentation Ad in SVSD Activities Calendar (8,000 Distribution) Recognition & Intra at Reception</p>	<p>EXTRAORDINARY SPONSORS</p> <p>PUTTING CONTEST - \$2,000 SKILL PRIZE CONTEST - \$1,500 LUNCH/DINNER/COCKTAIL - \$1,500*</p> <p>*Includes 4 dinner passes</p> <p>HOLE-IN-ONE CONTEST - \$1,000 HOLE SPONSORS - \$400</p> <p>All extraordinary sponsors receive ad space in presentation & signage</p>
<p>GOLD LEVEL SPONSORS \$5,000</p> <p>2 Complimentary Foursomes & 8 Dinner Passes Signage at Registration, Reception, 1 Hole & Pin Flag Full-Page Ad in Presentation Recognition at Reception</p>	<p>ADVERTISING SPONSORS</p> <p>FULL PAGE - \$200 HALF PAGE - \$100 Electronic Presentation during Dinner & Website</p>
<p>SILVER LEVEL SPONSORS \$3,000</p> <p>1 Complimentary Foursome & 4 Dinner Passes Signage at Reception, 1 Hole & Pin Flag Full-Page Ad in Presentation Recognition at Reception</p>	<p>GOLFER INFORMATION</p> <p>Foursomes: \$700 Solo Golfer \$175</p> <p>Registration: 8:30 a.m. Shotgun Start: 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Lunch provided at turn. Buffet dinner served at approximately 2 p.m.</p>

All proceeds benefit the Seneca Valley Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to encouraging excellence and innovation in the Seneca Valley School District.

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SAVE THE DATE: 1ST ANNUAL RYAN GLOYER MEMORIAL RUN

In memory of SFC Ryan Gloyer, the Seneca Valley Foundation is proud to announce the 1st Annual Ryan Gloyer Memorial Run presented by Westinghouse. The mission of this incredible event is to spread community awareness of SFC Gloyer, the namesake of Ryan Gloyer Middle School. The run/walk take place on Sunday, Nov. 5, on the beautiful grounds of Seneca Valley's Secondary Campus. All proceeds benefit Ryan Gloyer Middle School and the Ryan Gloyer Memorial Scholarship. **If you or your organization would like to sponsor this event, please email SVFoundation@svsd.net to secure your spot.** Runner registration will open on July 4 – stay tuned!



RYAN GLOYER MEMORIAL RUN

PRESENTED BY:



1st Annual 5K Walk/Run In Memory of SFC Ryan Gloyer

November 5, 2023 - 9 a.m.
 SV Secondary Campus, Harmony, PA



Registration Opens July 4!



Additional information is available [here](#). ■

SV SCHOLARSHIPS

The Seneca Valley Foundation (SVF) is excited to facilitate scholarships from local businesses, individuals and foundations for our graduating seniors. As a private, 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, the SVF can be utilized as a vehicle by which these important charitable donations can be made. If you would like additional information about establishing a scholarship, please contact Annie Mersing, Development Director, at mersingam@svsd.net. ■



SCHOLARSHIPS
for a brighter tomorrow



THE GIFT OF HOPE, THE PROMISE OF EXCELLENCE

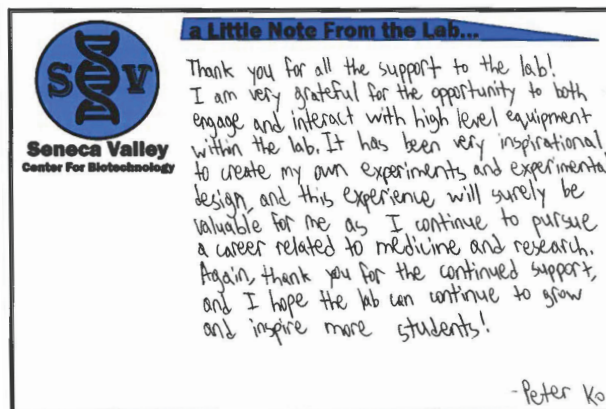
COMPLIMENTARY MUSICAL THEATRE SUMMER CAMP FOR ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

Be sure to check out this incredible opportunity to attend a **free musical theatre camp!** (Students must be eligible for free/reduced meals to be eligible to attend). ■

RECENT INITIATIVES

The SVF recently awarded funding for several exciting learning opportunities across the district including:

- New Portuguese-Language books at Haine Middle School for English as a Second Language (ESL) students to enjoy classic novels like Charlotte's Web and Harry Potter in their native tongue.
- A trip to Westminster College for Connoquenessing Valley Elementary (CVE) first graders to enjoy a live theatre performance of "The Gruffalo."
- STEM Fair mini-grants for secondary students.
- An educational experience at the Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium for exceptional students of Haine Middle School.
- Creek Connections Symposium at Camp Kon-O-Kwee for Senior High School students. ■



SRU EVENT

The SV Foundation was recently recognized by the Institute for Nonprofit Leadership at Slippery Rock University for hosting the Most Creative Special Event with its "Pleased to Thank You" dinner in March 2022. This event was special because it celebrated ten years of the SVF's existence and thanked its many donors and supporters; introduced a memorial bench dedicated to past school board director and SVF trustee, Jason Wehrle; and showcased a decade of dedication to the Seneca Valley School District. ■



Pictured L to R: Annie Mersing, SVF Development Director, and co-winner, Sheila Talarico, VP of Development & External Affairs at Glade Run Lutheran Services

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IT ALL ADDS UP

The Seneca Valley High School Math League team placed first in the region and 11th out of 95 participating high schools across the state.

Individually, senior Eric Combs and junior Alexander Kim tied with the 9th best cumulative scores in the entire state.

Students who had a perfect score on at least one of the six exams include Mr. Combs, Mr. Kim and seniors Nathan Craig, Benjamin Blucher and John Paris.

According to their website, The Math League contests give students an educationally enriching opportunity to participate in an academically oriented activity and to gain recognition for mathematical achievement. Each contest covers topics appropriate to the contest grade level, a variety of difficulty ranges and involves topics of interest to above-average students. ■



Pictured L to R: Parker Spence, Arun Pallikkattil, Logan McKinney, Jacob Eubanks, Benjamin Blucher, John Paris, Eric Combs, Lihini Ranaweera, Alexander Kim, Nico Town, Sam Hersick, Gregory Pologruto, and Miles Miller. Not pictured are Zachary Tollerton, Ella Butterfield, Nathan Craig, and Thomas Beresnyak.

SEA AIR AND LAND CHALLENGE

SV robotics and engineering students were joined by other schools from southwestern Pennsylvania for the *Sea Air and Land Challenge* on Thursday, April 27, at the Seneca Valley Senior High School.

Hosted by the Penn State Applied Research Laboratory, *Sea Air and Land Challenge* is a STEM initiative in which teams of high school and/or middle school students design and build robotic vehicles which are used to compete in challenges that mimic missions encountered by the military, national security agencies and first responders.

Over 100 students competed in the *Sea Air and Land Challenge*. The school districts that participated included Seneca Valley, Quaker Valley, Armstrong, Pine-Richland and Deer Lakes.

Teams were then judged based upon the team's innovation and use

of the engineering design process in building a vehicle and its ability to maneuver through a designated unknown course. ■



THE FUTURE OF SCIENCE

Seneca Valley GeneTech 2.0 and 3.0 student researchers recently showcased their projects to students, staff and administrators during the Center for Biotechnology End-of-the-Year Research Seminar Presentation.

Students presented findings focused in the areas of Biofilms, Fluorescent Microscopy, eDNA and Sequencing. These talented scientists did a great job representing themselves and the SV Center for Biotechnology! ■



FUTURE WORLD LANGUAGE EDUCATORS

Late last month, senior Blake Bliss and juniors Jose Tinoco and Connor Benson attended the Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) Spring Methodology Conference at Chestnut Ridge Resort & Conference Center with Seneca Valley Intermediate High School world language teachers Ms. Julie Parenti and Ms. Christina Hollowood. These students, along with several others were applauded and recognized as the future of world language education.



Students listened to guest speakers, networked, asked questions and stayed longer to ask the presenters for more information. After the conference concluded, SV students collaborated with Ms. Parenti and Ms. Hollowood to

discuss ways of making Seneca Valley's world language program even stronger by implementing some of the community outreach opportunities they learned and the possibility of forming a world language club.



"We are inspired by these students' passion and enthusiasm for learning and giving back to their community," said Ms. Hollowood. "It was an honor to have the opportunity to take them to this professional conference alongside fellow educators." ■

SENECA VALLEY BIOLOGY CLUB DOMINATES AT ENVIROTHON

Recently, the Seneca Valley Biology Club tied for first and also won second and third place at the Butler County Envirothon that was held on April 25.

The first place team will be attending the state level competition in Mifflinburg, PA on May 24. Team members include seniors Gretchen Kellar, Cecilia Matusiak, Marie Fouche and Lainy Nickles.

Second place team members include senior Mia Stohon and juniors Abby Bonno, Katelyn Daschbach and Zoe Schultz. Third place members include sophomore Cassidy Stopchick and juniors Abigail Leslie, Grace Martin and Jonas Meiers.

The Envirothon is the largest high school level environmental education competition in North America. In this event, students prepare and compete in topics related to Wildlife, Aquatic Ecology, Forestry, Soils and Land Use and Current Environmental Issues. The competition is managed by our state agencies, including the Game Commission, Fish and Boat Commission, PA



Department of Agriculture and Conservation of Natural Resources.

Hundreds of teachers and professionals throughout Pennsylvania guide high school students through this natural resource environmental education program that combines classroom learning and outdoor activities. Seneca Valley Senior High School Biology Teacher Ms. Dana Hadley advises the Seneca Valley group. ■

CHECKMATE!

The Senior High School (SHS) Chess Club recently won place first in the Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Chess League for a second consecutive year. In this case, Seneca Valley tied with Thomas Jefferson High School at the top of the league but finished ahead of Baldwin, Bethel Park, The Kiski School, Mars, Aquinas Academy, Gateway and Upper St. Clair.

Congratulations to all who participated! ■



Mr. Edward Senior, Chess Club Advisor, with, from L - R: Julian Silecky, Noah Eastgate, Logan McKinney, Richard Ho, Alexander Kim, James Nguyen, Gavin Helmsen and Roman Panetta.

SV ALL-STAR: SERVING STUDENTS WITH A SMILE

For May we are pleased to announce the newest member inducted into the SV All-Star Club, Ms. Tammy Tappe, kitchen manager at Ehrman Crest Elementary/Middle School.

The SV All-Star Club is an awards program developed by the District to express our gratitude to Seneca Valley classified employees (administrative assistants, paraprofessionals, maintenance, cafeteria), bus drivers and security guards who are often the unsung heroes of our schools. We recognize a new member of this elite all-star club each month.

“For those that know Tammy, the reason that she deserves this recognition is obvious,” said Mr. Nolen Fetchko, Director of Food Services. Tammy is a new manager, in a new school, adjusting to a new director. All of these, on their own, can be a challenge in and of itself, and she has taken on all three of these this year and done a phenomenal job.”

Tammy is organized, meticulous and, most importantly, she always has a smile on her face. She is a wonderful manager, and her priority is always serving the students and staff members at Ehrman Crest.

Mr. Fetchko added, “It’s evident in the way she works, in the way she leads her team, and in the way that her team works, that their main goal is to make sure every staff member and student that



Pictured from L-R: Ms. Kathy Whittle, Board President, Ms. Tammy Tappe, Dr. Tracy Vitale, Superintendent of Schools and Mr. Nolen Fetchko, Director of Food Services.

comes to the cafeteria leaves having a better day than they were having when they walked in. For that, we thank her, and we’re grateful to have her on our team.” ■

DISTRICT OFFICIALS MEET WITH MEDICAL DIRECTOR, ADDICTION EXPERT

Dr. C. Thomas Brophy, medical director of the Ellen O’Brien Gaiser Center in Butler, Pa., is known for his educational outreach and has a passion for teaching. He brought that passion to the Seneca Valley School District recently when he met with district and building administrators, as well as department directors, to review his presentation, “#AddictionAware.” A regular contributor on local media programs, Dr. Brophy has conducted more than 100 public education seminars on topics related to all addiction, including marijuana use and vaping. He dedicates his life to helping those struggling with addiction while also reducing the stigma associated with the disease.

“Since experiencing the impact of addiction in my own family, I’ve been committed to expanding the understanding of the neuroscience behind addiction,” Dr. Brophy said.

According to the Gaiser Center website, Dr. Brophy has conducted more than 100 public education seminars on topics related to addiction. Dr. Brophy studied Neuroscience at the University of Pittsburgh before attending the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and completing medical residency at Allegheny General Hospital. Placing a premium on addiction



prevention and awareness, he has implemented educational programs in schools across western Pennsylvania and launched the non-profit Opiate Reform Initiative in 2016. ■

HOPE WEEK

May 1-5, was a week of hope, celebration and awareness as the Hope Squad hosted Seneca Valley's first Annual March for Mental Health. Students marched to raise awareness for mental health as part of a culminating event following a week of activities.

Hope Week is an initiative designed to celebrate community, educate the public on suicide prevention and reduce the stigma around mental health. The SV Hope Squad did a great job planning a week of school spirit and unity! ■



'I LED THE PLEDGE'

Seneca Valley's School Board meeting was held May 8. We are pleased to continue the tradition of inviting elementary students from Seneca Valley's K-4 schools to lead the members of the School Board and public in saying "The Pledge of Allegiance" during school board meetings.

For the May 8 meeting, we were joined by Koah Alwine, a first grader at Ehrman Crest Elementary School. Koah's favorite subjects in school are reading and math. In addition to loving the outdoors, Koah's favorite things are playing flag football, tackle football and soccer -- all for Seneca Valley youth teams. When he grows up, he wants to be an NFL player. ■



Koah Alwine with, from L-R, Dr. Tracy Vitale, Superintendent and Ms. Kathy Whittle, Board President

SV SENIOR NAMED NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced Seneca Valley's very own Haihan Xu as a National Merit \$2,500 Scholarship winner. Mr. Xu, a senior, was one of 2,500 Merit Scholar designees who was chosen from a talent pool of more than 15,000 outstanding Finalists in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program.

National Merit \$2,500 Scholarship winners are the Finalists in each state judged to have the strongest combination of accomplishments, skills, and potential for success in rigorous college studies. The number of winners named in each state is proportional to the state's percentage of the nation's graduating high school seniors.

This year's National Merit Scholarship Program began in October 2021 when high school juniors took the PSAT/

NMSQT, which served as an initial screen of program entrants. Last fall, the highest-scoring participants in each state, representing less than one percent of the nation's high school seniors, were named Semifinalists on a state-representational basis. More than 16,000 Semifinalists had an opportunity to continue in the competition.

"We would like to offer our congratulations to Haihan on receiving the National Merit Scholarship," said Seneca Valley Senior High School Principal, Mr. Bob Ceh. "This award reflects the years of academic dedication that you have completed and is a strong indicator of the great things that are in your future."

From the Semifinalist group, over 15,000 students met the very high academic standards and other requirements



to advance to the Finalist level of the competition. By the conclusion of the 2023 program, more than 7,140 Finalists will have earned the "Merit Scholar" title and received a total of nearly \$28 million in college scholarships. ■

SV STUDENTS NAMED NATIONAL CYBER SCHOLARS

Three Seneca Valley students have been named National Cyber Scholars by the National Cyber Scholarship Foundation (NCSF) as a result of their demonstrating exceptional cyber security expertise in a challenging online cyber security training program, CyberStart America.

In recognition for their remarkable achievements, freshmen Sawyer Shoemaker and Madeline Zimmer along with senior Haihan Xu have each earned a scholarship to attend the Cyber Foundations Academy with the chance to earn a GIAC Foundational Cybersecurity Technologies Practitioner Certification (GFACT), a package valued at over \$3,000.

Upon successful completion, these students will be offered an additional chance to take one of two higher level SANS courses with an attempt to earn a Global Information Assurance Certification (GIAC). The GIAC provide the highest and most rigorous assurance of cyber security knowledge and skill available to industry, government, and military clients across the world.

The National Cyber Scholarship Foundation recognizes high school students who have demonstrated exceptional cybersecurity prowess and who wish to pursue a career in a growing field in critical need of their talent. The NCSF mission is to identify and develop the next generation of cyber professionals. Each and every student who participated in this competition has the potential to develop their skills and build a successful career in cybersecurity.

"This is an incredible program that provides a valuable opportunity for our students to gain marketable skills in an area of extraordinarily high need," said Mr. Dean Walker, Seneca Valley Senior High School Gifted Support teacher. "These three students have wisely taken advantage of this opportunity and performed at a very high level. I'm very proud of their achievements and look forward to seeing what they accomplish next."



Pictured L to R: Haihan Xu, Madeline Zimmer and Sawyer Shoemaker

There are several qualification pathways to gain a National Cyber Scholarship, including CyberStart America, a free online program that helps students discover their interest in cybersecurity and develop their talent and skills. The NCSF offers \$5 million in scholarships to top-ranking competitors. The highest-scoring eligible CyberStart players will become National Cyber Scholars and will be invited to participate in the Cyber Foundations Academy.

To learn more about CyberStart America, visit their website at www.cyberstartamerica.org. ■

ON THE ROAD TO NATIONALS

Mimi Skowronski, Haine Middle School sixth grader, has been wrestling for Seneca Valley for the last five years, and her dedication recently paid off as she was selected to the Pennsylvania 14U Girls National Team, to compete for the 14U Girls National Duals Championship in Tulsa, Oklahoma this June. By being selected for the team, she has been recognized as one of Pennsylvania's best Freestyle Wrestlers in the division.



The Pennsylvania 14U Girls Wrestling Team is the defending two-time National Champion. ■

AMAZING ATTENDANCE

Every day is a great day to learn, and eighth grader Biruk Damtew hasn't missed a single one! Mr. Damtew has recently won the Perfect Attendance Award for the Ryan Gloyer Middle School (RGMS) Afterschool Program.



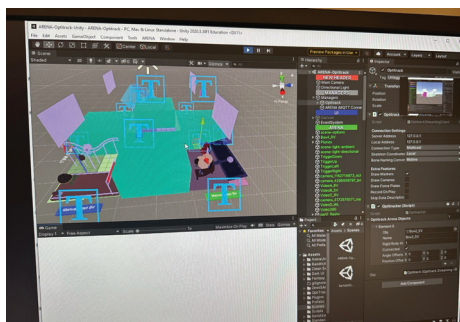
The RGMS Afterschool Program provides students with the time and resources needed to complete homework followed by a fun, recreational activity. Throughout its first year of existence, students invited to participate in the program took part in a water safety lesson at the SV Aquatic

Center, completed daily reflections and spruced up RGMS outdoor spaces.

To learn more about the program, contact Dr. Tony Babusci at babusciak@svsd.net. ■

DISCOVERING A VIRTUAL WORLD

Imagination knows no bounds, and these SV students are taking flight to bridge the gap between reality and a virtual world! Seneca Valley senior Thomas Taylor and junior Gina Merlo recently participated with Mr. Ken Macek, Seneca Valley Academy of Choice (SVAOC) Industrial teacher, in collaboration with Carnegie Mellon University in Remake Learning 2023.



The team modified a drone to be tracked by motion capture technology and then sent to a virtual world.

Remake Learning Days started in southwestern Pennsylvania and West Virginia in 2016 and has grown to be a

A RACE TO REMEMBER

Our SV Kids of Steel are fast! It was great to see so much Seneca Valley pride on the streets of North Shore, Pittsburgh!



This month, Haine Elementary School (HES) Health and Physical Education teacher Ashley Coulter received a grant to bus over 80 SV students and their families to the Kids of Steel Marathon. Over 200 teachers, students, parents, staff and administration members also attended to participate or cheer on the runners.

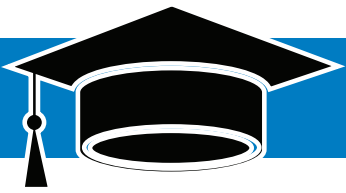


"It was heartwarming to see the excitement and enthusiasm pouring out of these kids and their families on race day," said Ms. Coulter. "As a Physical Education teacher, there is nothing better than looking out to see your students hand-in-hand with their parents exercising together."



The grant gave HES the opportunity to share the experience of exercising collaboratively while taking it to an entirely new level. The grant also helped ensure all interested participants could attend the event.

"It was a wonderful day, one of the highlights of my year for sure," stated Dr. Kristen White, HES Principal. ■



ALUMNI Q&A

Allison Schwartz, SV '20, is a full-time student enrolled at Syracuse University and is currently studying abroad in Europe. We asked her to catch us up on what she is doing and how Seneca Valley influenced her life and career.

Q: Catch us up. Tell us what you're doing today:

A: I am entering my fourth year in the five-year Bachelor of Architecture program at Syracuse University (SU) with a minor in Sustainable Construction Management from the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry. My education has involved studying abroad for a semester in the SU London program while studying short-term in other European cities like Madrid, Bergen, Lockerbie, Copenhagen and, soon-to-be, Florence. I am currently in Budapest, Hungary waiting to travel to the SU Florence campus for an Italian language course and an architecture internship this summer.

Q: What might (someone) be surprised to know about you?

A: Even though I present design ideas, proposals and concepts nearly every day in architecture school during studio, I used to be (and sometimes still get) severely anxious about public speaking!

Q: How did Seneca Valley help you become the person you are today, both personally and professionally?

A: I had many opportunities to explore my interests in high school after coming to Seneca Valley in seventh grade. I started entertaining the idea of pursuing architecture by taking a course with Mr. Mileski during my junior year. Later that same



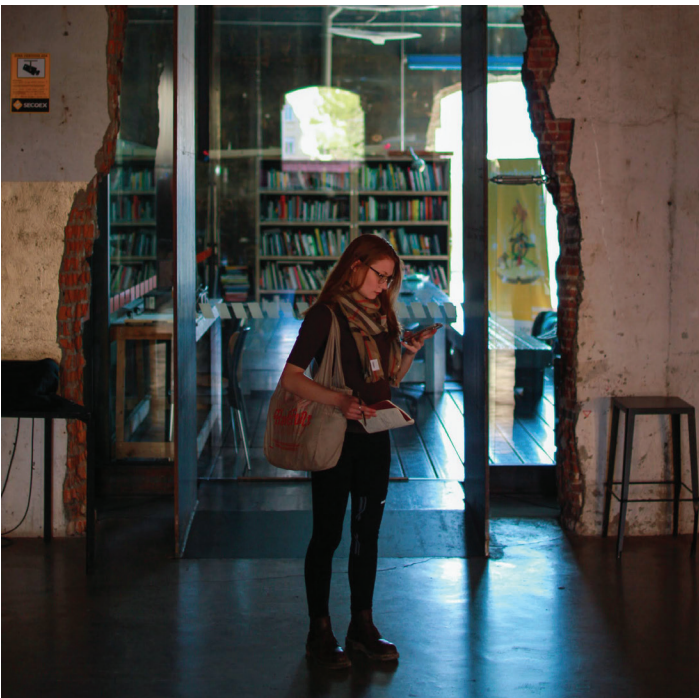
year, I was accepted into the ACE Externship Program and was able to observe meetings between the architecture firm CannonDesign and the Seneca Valley School Board. I sat in on design presentations and deliberations and got a sense of client interactions. We even visited the firm's office in Pittsburgh and engaged in a design charrette. Speaking with a variety of students, educators and professionals involved in the process leveraged conversations as a form of learning and collaboration -- an introduction to the primary way personal growth has occurred for me at Syracuse.

Q: What do you think makes Seneca Valley such a special place to learn and grow?

A: I think there has been a push by Seneca to try and make sure that diverse learning styles are addressed and to make learning as enjoyable as possible. The district's choices in the Ehrman Crest project reflect this shift. I remember the term "not institutional" coming up quite often in the meetings as well as the innovative inclusion of the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh's expertise in the project. This collaboration fed the idea that a place could facilitate learning and a sense of curiosity closer to spontaneous play than to standardized order. In the administrative meetings, there was a push for student, parent and teacher feedback. This persistent growth mindset pertaining to the future of the district has stayed with me as I continue to formulate my design philosophies about project users, their uses, and the existing context that surrounds a place.

Q: Who was your favorite teacher/coach/SV staff member?

A: I have a tie between Mr. Lavelle and Mr. Ruggeri from my first



year of high school. Both of their teaching styles worked extremely well for me. I remember looking forward to each of their classes and having a lot of fun while learning during the transition from middle to high school. They also came as a duo, so it would be wrong to pick between the two!

Q: What is one of your favorite memories from your time at Seneca Valley? We'd encourage you to recall a moment or event that had a particularly strong influence on your life.

A: For my Woman in Engineering class with Mr. Fortunato, we took a field trip to some of the businesses in Pittsburgh that focused on ideas of sustainability. One of the businesses was the creative reuse center, Construction Junction (CJ). There were many historic objects and reusable building supplies for sale. The most interesting part of the visit was seeing the Carnegie Mellon University student-fabricated Project RE_ space. It was like an exhibition classroom made entirely out of wooden chairs. I was mesmerized by how the shape of the chairs was lost and revitalized into a new spatial effect. Pieces of chair legs camouflaged themselves as light fixtures while the backs and seats turned into worktables and wall finishes. The space was designed and crafted with so much detail and ingenuity that I left highly inspired by design fabrication. This visit also had an influence on my choice of minor in Sustainable Construction Management, thinking about the life cycle of objects. I have also visited and worked at CJ multiple times since then. It is an amazing place.

Q: If you had one message for students, what would it be?

A: Math was difficult for me in high school. I was moved out of AP before the start of high school under the impression that I was not good enough to reach the goals that I had set for college. My message would be a major thank you to my teachers, especially in math, for helping me to deprogram this belief of inadequacy I had in myself and for giving me the space to engage with projects that better suited my own personal goals. Seneca Valley is a school filled with diverse interests, so I think an effort should be made to increase awareness of students' creative pursuits. I remember hearing self-proclamations, "I am not smart" from students not in AP while making beautiful art, learning a trade, or partaking in another activity independent from standards of excellence created by AP culture. This issue is not limited to Seneca Valley, but I think teachers and staff play a major role in addressing this stigma.

Q: What do you wish other people knew about Seneca Valley?

A: Seneca Valley really does have a lot to offer its students. I thought it was the most amazing thing to be able to plot my plan drawings while making blueprints in my architecture course and then run to the art room across the hall to work on my colored pencil drawings. I remember presenting design concepts for



the tentative mindfulness space in my class on interior design to teachers I had in middle school and then running to the engineering suite to finish painting pieces of an installation at the bell. I had extra help from Mr. Mileski to visualize and 3D print a phone case using AutoCAD because, why not? In junior year, I learned how much I love project-based work and my preference for working with my hands. This occurred at the intersection of numerous opportunities constantly presented to us students.

Q: This question is being asked because the 22-23 school year marks the 25th year of SV's Senior/Graduation Project. What did you present during your Senior/Graduation Project and what did you learn from it?

A: I performed a violin piece at Batavia Studio's Annual Showcase for my senior project. It was an instrument I had always wanted to play but was difficult to fit into my schedule amongst the other instruments and competitive dance I participated in. Reflecting today on my final report, this project taught me that learning new skills and the basics of something is also valuable. I got on stage and played a song just "good enough." The most important thing was that I had fun in the process of learning instead of focusing on all the ways in which my technique was not "perfect;" an idea that I have learned to appreciate even more in college. ■

FYI

May is mental health awareness month and the SV school district is committed to supporting every student through mental wellness programs and additional support services. Community resources are also available in addition to our school psychologists, school counselors, behavioral specialists, school administrators, and Youth Education Support Services (YESS) teams in each building.

Therapy

Therapy is recognized as a supportive service to address mental health concerns or behavioral problems. Services offered in the District and in the community emphasize mental wellness to ensure that our youth can successfully access their education.

Supportive Learning Measures

Seneca Valley School District offers specialized programming for students with significant mental health concerns. The elementary and secondary levels each have specialized classrooms to support students who are transitioning to and from alternative placements. A specialized classroom is also available at the high school level to support credit-deficient students who are working toward fulfilling graduation requirements. If a student is deemed eligible for specialized services through an evaluation, support can also be provided through an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 Service Agreement.



Reasons to seek help

- A To help manage stress
- B Cope with grief and loss
- C Process feelings & relationships
- D All of the above

Crisis Response

The Crisis Response Team is comprised of staff members and community agencies, such as the Center for Community Resources (CCR) and Glade Run Lutheran Services (GRLS). The Team is responsible for facilitating the school's response to any crisis by following established protocols that are rooted in best practices.

To learn more about the district's mental wellness resources, visit [Student Services / Mental Wellness \(svsd.net\)](https://svsd.net)

**Note: Confidentiality is held with the utmost integrity when dealing with personal matters.*

**** If you or someone you know is in need of crisis intervention, please call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255. ■**



The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (formerly known as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline) provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, across the United States. The Lifeline is comprised of a national network of over 200 local crisis centers, combining custom local care and resources with national standards and best practices.



A 'WEED TALK' MADE EASY

Many of you know that the courts ordered JUUL Labs, Inc. to pay \$463 million to six states for their nefarious marketing practices to teens (you can see more about their marketing practices in [Screenagers Under The Influence](#)). The ongoing high rate of nicotine use among youth is incredibly sad and problematic. Besides the problems with this practice, a [study](#) showed that teens who report using e-cigarettes were 3.5 times more likely to report using cannabis than non-e-cigarette users.

Today, let's talk about cannabis — or, as teens mainly refer to it, weed. Weed is by far the most common term. "Pot" is rarely used by younger people.

When to start raising the topic of weed? Around age 10 is recommended.

Here are four important topics/questions to discuss with youth in your life:

1. What do people see online related to weed?

Many teens share the ways that cannabis comes up in their feeds. In [Screenagers Under The Influence](#), we hear these examples:

A high school boy in California says, "People will literally just post them smoking a joint. You'll see a lot of celebrities."

A teen girl in Seattle says, "Instagram, the explorer page, and there's a shop section, people selling bongs or stuff for marijuana."

A young man in Oregon says, "Ads for dispensaries."

2. Should adults be talking about risks with youth?

Over the past several years perceived riskiness of cannabis in teens has been declining, yet [research](#) reveals that teens who believe that cannabis use has risks are less likely to use it.

Sadly, myths prevail. For example, in the study mentioned, some teens believed things like "marijuana can help teenagers

focus in school" and that "marijuana is safe because it's natural," and if they believed these statements, they were more likely to report use.

Therefore, discussing the risks of cannabis, and dispelling myths, is a wise practice supported by research. What do kids think when asked this question? Talk about the merits of periodic conversations in which everyone shares science and societal observations regarding cannabis moving forward.

3. Is cannabis today the same as in the past?

Weed is not the same as it was in our day. For many years cannabis plants have been specially bred to increase THC concentration. THC is the part of the plant responsible for the thoughts and mood changes that happen from cannabis.

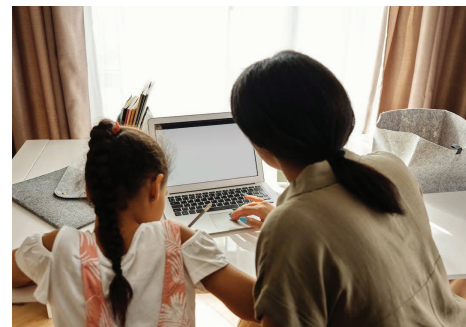
The neuroscientist Yasmin Hurd, Ph.D., who is in [Screenagers Under The Influence](#), states:

"Cannabis today is completely different from what it was in the past. The original plant had about two to 4% THC. Today strains of cannabis consumed recreationally can have anywhere from 16 to 24% THC, and can even go up to 80 or 90% THC."

4. What are the problems with these higher levels of THC?

There are several issues, but today, I'm sharing data from Dr. Sharon Levy, who analyzed responses from a survey given to 14 to 18-year-old teens regarding their [experiences using cannabis](#). Dr. Levy, who is in the [Screenagers Under The Influence](#), is the Director of the Adolescent Substance Abuse Program at Boston Children's Hospital. She and her team found that 27% of the teens that use cannabis reported experiencing hallucinations. (The actual survey question asked whether they had "seen, felt, or heard things that were not really there.")

Dr. Levy said, "When I saw that number come out of the analysis, I thought, wow,



who would dream that 27% of kids would say "yes" about hallucinations? We're seeing this more commonly now that the products are more potent."

In addition, 34% reported feeling "anxious or paranoid." In total, 43% reported having at least one of those symptoms.

Please note: this was a small study and was not a nationally represented sample. Yet that said, there is no reason to think these numbers are too far off.

Questions to get the conversation started:

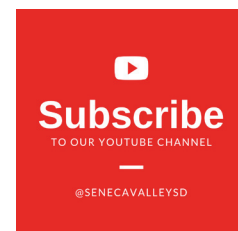
1. What have you seen or heard regarding what people have posted about weed on social media?
2. Do you get the sense that many people don't see many risks regarding cannabis?
3. What do we think about these new THC concentrations?
4. What do you think about the finding that 27% of teens who report having used cannabis at times say that they have experienced some type of hallucination?

Article provided by [Screenagers](#) ■



- The American Association of School Administrators (AASA), The Superintendent's Association, is in its second year of partnership with the Western Pennsylvania Learning 2025 Alliance. Through this partnership, a wonderful article was recently written highlighting the successful efforts of Ehrman Crest Elementary/Ehrman Crest Middle School. To read the complete article, please visit [Proving What's Possible Within the Walls of a School](#).
- Many schools across this region, state and nation continue to battle the ever-evolving epidemic of vaping, including Seneca Valley. According to Common Sense Media, nearly eight in 10 (78%) teens say vaping is popular among people their age where they live. As we continue to address vaping in our schools, we recently asked parents/guardians and staff for their ideas on how to address vaping in our schools, and to rate at least 10-15 of the thoughts that others shared in the same survey. To view the results of this most recent ThoughtExchange, [click this link](#).
- **Free musical theater camp** for students eligible for free and reduced lunches.
- Breakfast is now **FREE** for all students. Click to learn more: [Food Services / General Information \(svsd.net\)](#)
- SV offers voluntary student accident insurance. To learn more and apply, visit: [Backpack Fliers / Education/ Resources \(svsd.net\)](#)
- Effective October 1, Pennsylvania will increase the income threshold for all applicants to 200 percent of the

Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (FPIG). With this change, more than 420,000 additional Pennsylvanians in more than 174,000 households will be newly eligible for SNAP and will receive, on average, \$63 a month. To learn more, visit [Wolf Administration Marks Hunger Action Month by Expanding Eligibility for SNAP Benefits, Securing Food Assistance for More Pennsylvanians](#).



- Seneca Valley residents 62 years of age or older are invited to apply to become a member of the Seneca Valley School District Gold Card Club. Membership entitles card holders to attend home athletic events, music, dramatic and other school productions. To apply for a gold card, please visit [Parents/Community / Gold Card Club \(svsd.net\)](#).
- Reality Tour is an accessible substance prevention program that delivers information to get parent and child on the same page.
 - [Substance Abuse Prevention for Parents - CANDLE, Inc. \(candleinc.org\)](#)
 - [Subscribe to our YouTube Channel!](#)
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- Visit [Niche](#) to view SV rankings ■

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District Events

- In-Service Day (No school for students)

User Notes

- Research Paper Due Tuesday, March 21st

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- 3:30 PM Track/Field Practice

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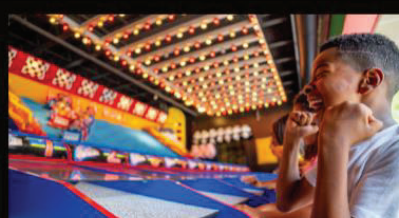
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