



# Good News Bulletin

## DECEMBER 2024

### DECEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:

We are proud to announce The Students of the Month have been selected for December 2024. They are:

**Freshman – Amelia Davis**  
**Sophomore – Olivia Melnick**  
**Junior – Ishika Agarwal**  
**Senior – Madison Masiello**

The above students have met the following Criteria:

1. Must meet high academic standards in class.
  2. Exhibit positive character and influence on class/school, dignity, respect, trustworthiness, responsibility, caring, and citizenship.
  3. No unexcused lates of any kind for the month.
  4. No discipline referrals in the last month.
- Congratulations to all of you!

### Congratulations to the following students:

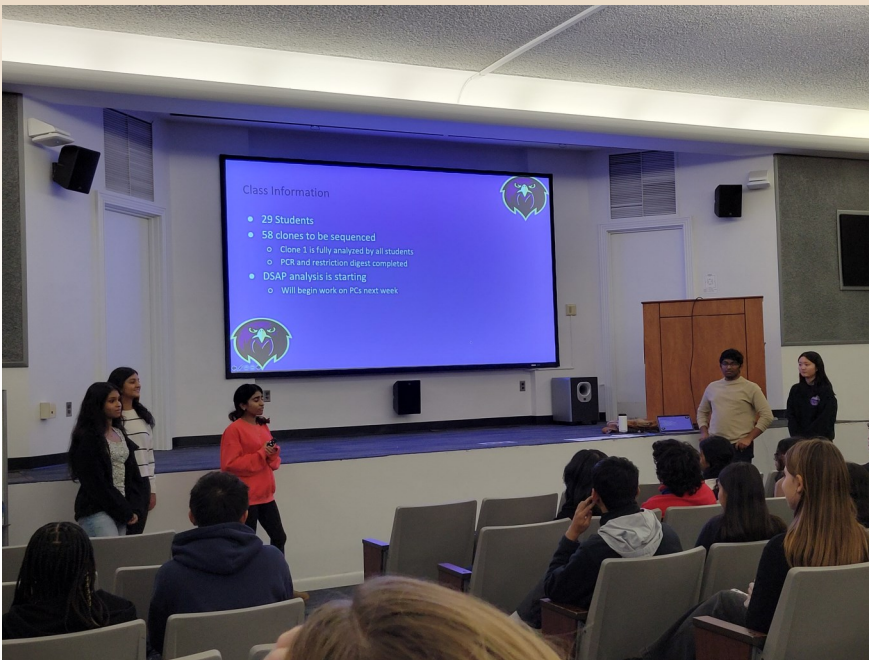
**Sehaj Chadha (12)** was named as an alternate delegate for the State of New Jersey to the [United States Senate Youth Program](#). One of the nation's most selective and prestigious student recognition programs, Sehaj is recognized for her academic excellence, leadership, academic achievements, and sincere commitment to public service.

**Loukya Narne (11)** was recognized in November with the Gold [Presidential Volunteer Service Award](#) for the third time. With over 500 hours of community service, Loukya volunteers for the global non-profit called PURE as the National Student Youth Director.

**Megha Sikka (10)** was recently named one of the [Governor's STEM Scholars](#). One of fifteen students from Middlesex County and 111 from across the state. This program aims to connect academically exceptional students with New Jersey companies to help them in their future careers.

## HONORS BIOLOGY RESEARCH

On Friday December 6, MTHS Seniors Ananya Naveen, Zara Qureshi, Sai Saanvi Prathap, Dhruv Paduru and Claire Song (L to R), along with their teacher Dr. Christopher Himmelheber, attended the first Waksman Student Scholar Program (WSSP) follow-up meeting at the Waksman Institute of Microbiology at Rutgers University. They provided an update on their research project in their Honors Molecular Biology Research class. The students are working to isolate and identify protein-coding regions of the duckweed genome, and will publish their findings at the end of the school year. The program is directed by Dr. Andrew Vershon, who is pictured providing feedback on the students' progress.



## **SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM**

The Speech & Debate Team's Krish Kshatriya (grade 11) represented our school in the Summitt Hilltopper Holiday Classic and won first place in Original Oratory!

Krish is president of our school's club and provides invaluable expertise to our members through his experience. I'm very proud of his success this weekend and wanted to share it with all of you.





## AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

On December 5, 2024, the Amnesty International chapter at Monroe Township High School hosted a transformative **Write for Rights** event, bringing together over **100 participants** to advocate for human rights. This annual campaign, the largest of its kind globally, began over two decades ago as a letter-writing marathon in Poland to honor Human Rights Day on December 10.

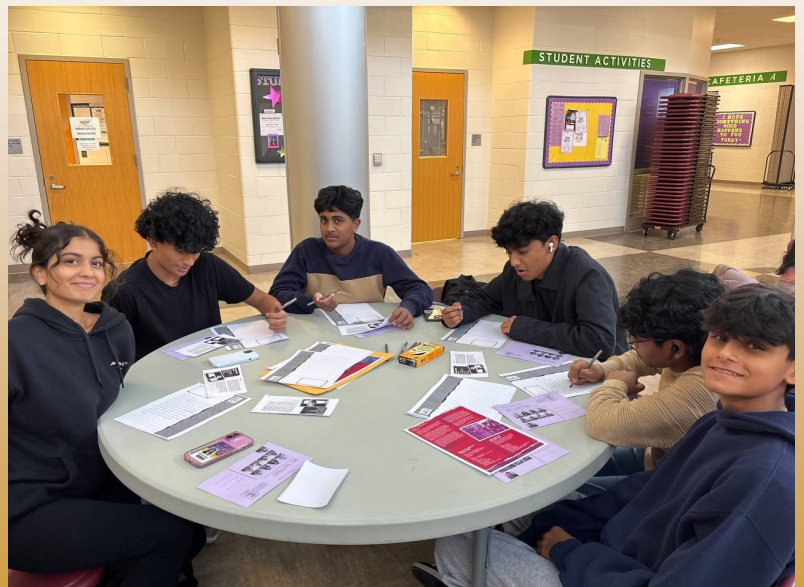
Participants at the event worked tirelessly to compose over **400 letters** addressed to international governments, advocating for justice, freedom, and the protection of human rights. The Monroe Township chapter focused on amplifying the voices of individuals and communities facing severe injustices worldwide.

This event demonstrated the power of collective action and united students in their shared commitment to making a meaningful impact on the global stage.



Pictured are : Thanvisai Karamsetty, Kavya Patel, Maelie Patikh, Anika Nayee , Aashi Sharma, and Sahithi Pakeeru

Vaishavi Kothari, Harsha Dhavala, Augadh Krishna, Ronit Pol, Pranav Natarajan, and Shivam Shah



## AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL CONT'D



Aahan Bhatnagar, Daksh Patel,  
Kaveen Trivedi, Arnax Sharma,  
Samantha Mossa, and Ashrita Billanuka

Grey Aviles, Isha Tirunagari,  
Evangelos Blzekis, Keyuri Patel,  
Maira Botic and Fritz Hershman



Srimaye Chennapragada, Fiona Mercy  
Puthur Anto and Poojaa Rajakrishnan



## AVID

In late November and early December, the AVID 12 students organized a Toy Drive for the RISE organization, which is a center of social support in central New Jersey. Students created flyers, advertised locally, collected and organized donations, and transported them for distribution. Monroe Township Middle School students also collaborated with the seniors by selling candy grams at their school to purchase gift cards. Both sites were able to collect over a hundred toys and gift card donations and they thank all who contributed to make a child's holiday a little brighter! On Saturday, December 14th, Mrs. MacKenzie and several of her students volunteered at the actual event. It was a worthwhile, meaningful experience for all involved!



Pictured are:  
Mrs. MacKenzie, Julianna Dowd,  
Angelina Mayo, Justin Windrem,  
and Lexi Cabrita.

## ROBOTICS

### Robotics & Engineering



#### MTHS ROBOTICS ALUMNI VISIT

During Thanksgiving break, MTHS Robotics Alumni students planned a surprise visit to check on the current competition teams. We took the opportunity to have them talk to the club members highlighting their experiences (VEX State Championships / Signature (National) and Worlds) - how it ties into college & career choices.

#### MEF GRANT ENGINEERING CAPSTONE

The Capstone Engineering Design & Development (EDD) class has been awarded an MEF (Monroe Education Foundation) Grant for the year 2025. Students will be using the funds to design, build and test working prototypes for the solution to the problems they chose.



## BOWLING



FRESHMAN ANDREW WYSOKOWSKI BOWLED HIS FIRST PERFECT 300 GAME AT LAST WEEKEND'S TOURNAMENT. CONGRATULATIONS ANDREW!

## CHORUS



In November, Monroe Township High School Students; Vincent Wilson, Sarina Valentine, Emily Cugini, Saanvi Tatti, Shania Tiwari, Jake Jarusiewicz (pictured below) performed with the NJMEA 2024 All State Mixed Chorus. They auditioned successfully and earned a spot in the elite choir and performed at Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City and NJPAC in Newark. Bravo on their amazing accomplishment.



## **MARCHING BAND**

The MTHS Band Program had several students audition and be selected for the Central Jersey Music Educators Association's region ensembles. Our students audition against other high school students in the region to be a part of these ensembles and qualify to audition for the NJMEA All-State Band. Congratulations to:

**Aarush Abhilash** - Percussion Ensemble

**Sean Alvarenga** - Symphonic Band

**Noelle Chong** - Symphonic Band and Percussion Ensemble

**Lucas Cipriaso** - Symphonic Band

**Eric Crowley** - Symphonic Band and Percussion Ensemble

**Aidan Lin** - Wind Ensemble and Percussion Ensemble

**Preston Masigla** - Wind Ensemble and Percussion Ensemble

**Arav Narwal** - Percussion Ensemble

**Aman Patel** - Orchestra

**Edward Tsistinas** - Symphonic Band

Additionally, two students were selected to join the National Association For Music Education's All-Eastern Ensemble. These two students had to audition against several students across the eastern seaboard. Congratulations to:

**Eric Crowley** and **Preston Masigla**

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

