



Good News Bulletin

JANUARY 2025

JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:

We are proud to announce The Students of the Month have been selected for January 2025. They are:

Freshman – Shubh Gala
Sophomore – Evan Steinberg
Junior – Jamal Ayoubi
Senior – Lia Palella

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!

WINTER TRACK



Congratulations to **Stephen Barbera** and **James Giordano** on both winning the county championship in their respective races. Stephen lapped the field with a time of 9:31.16 in his 3200 m race and James set a new personal best of 4:31.88 in his 1600m race. They both will compete in two weeks at the NJSIAA Sectional Championship meet on 2/13/2025.

WRESTLING

GMC Champions

Congratulations Kyle Capodanno (106) & Anthony Caponegro (138)!

VIDEO PRODUCTION

MTHS Video Production students TJ Reichel and Dennis Lewis produced a short film that has been nominated for the Garden State Film Festival. Their film is one of fourteen nominated in New Jersey and one of only two in Middlesex County.

The New Jersey School Boards Association's sponsored category, *NJ Hometown Documentary Short*, features student films that are five minutes or less and feature some aspect of the students' hometown related to the arts. Entries must be documentary film shorts that are written, directed, shot, and edited by students.

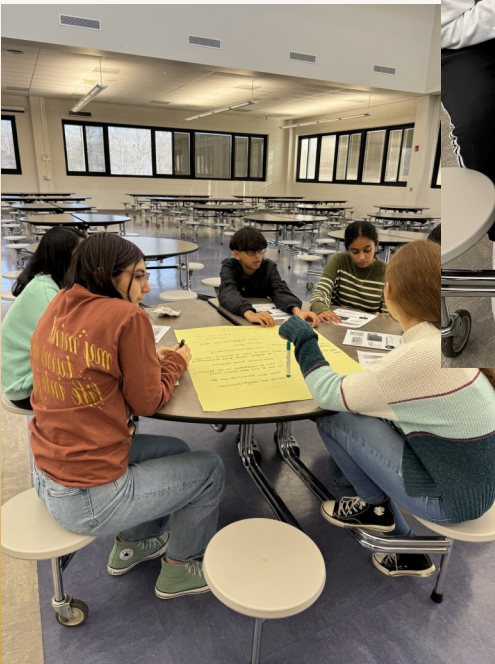
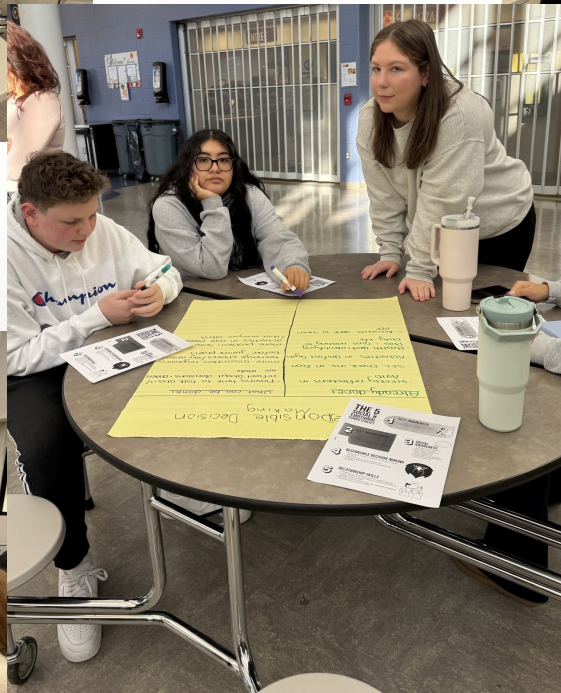
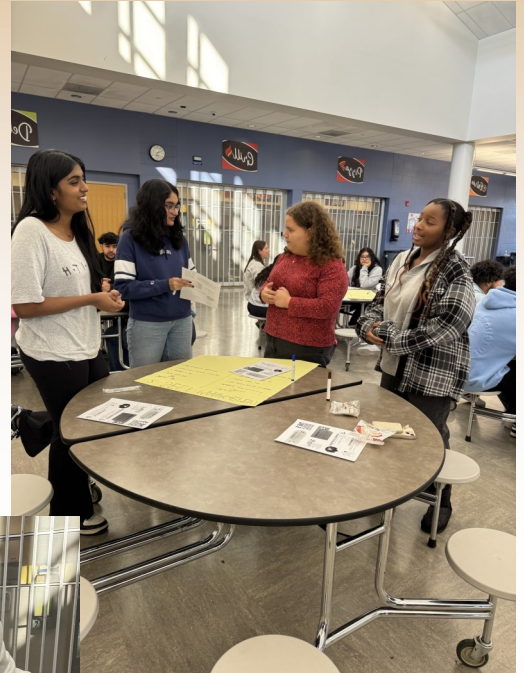
TJ and Dennis's film, *Inside DOT Studios*, features a few Monroe Township friends who create their own filmmaking group along with lasting memories. The message of the film is that you're only limited by your own creativity.

Nominations will be screened at the 23rd Annual Garden State Film Festival in March. Winners will be announced at the awards gala that closes the festival weekend.



HS SEL

Our 1st High School SEL Staff and Student liaison meeting was held on December 12th with our veteran student members and our new ones. The team completed ice-breaker introductions, discussed the 5 SEL competencies (Self-awareness, Self-management, Relationship skills, Responsible decision making, and Social awareness) and stated what was proactive and working well and what areas needed improvement at the high school level. The SEL student team were given the opportunity to share thoughts and feedback with the SEL staff and collaborate on common goals for the high school.



BUSINESS LAW

On behalf of the Monroe Township High School students, Ms. Dale and I would like to thank Judge Alberto Rivas, Judge Aravind Aithal, Judge Bina Desai, Judge Patrick Bradshaw, Christina Okoye, and Selina Shivey for the wonderful trip that our students had yesterday at the courthouse. They were given an experience like no other that will help shape the future of their endeavors. The openness with which everyone spoke to our students really resonated with them. Finally, being able to experience the live court room case was amazing!

Thank you again for all who were instrumental in such an educational trip for our students!



JANUARY NEWSLETTER

KEY CLUB

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Events

Our January meeting activity was making stress balls to spread awareness about mental health! We used an infant sock and rice to make these stress balls. Key clubbers enjoyed creating this activity with their friends!

Senior Scholarships

Senior scholarships are now open to apply! This year over \$22,000 in scholarships are being awarded to NJ Key Club seniors!

Upcoming Events

- **DECON!!** - (April 3-5 Berkeley Oceanfront Hotel Asbury Park, NJ) DECON is a fun filled experience, where you can connect with different people and take part in service! There will be a boba tea truck, beach service projects, fun contests, workshops, dances, and so much more!!
- **ACADEMY LEARNING CENTER** - Monroe Key Club members will be going to the academy learning center to spend time with people with disabilities. They will be playing games and reading books, making it a fun time for everyone!
- **CRAFT FAIR NIGHT** - Key Club is hosting an inside out themed craft fair night! This event will take place on March 3rd at Monroe Township High School. We will have multiple craft activities for kids to participate in!

KEY MEMBERS OF THE MONTH!!



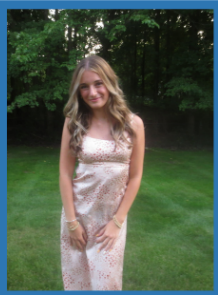
Grace Simmonds

We are proud to announce that one of our key members of January is Grace Simmonds! She has participated in countless events including the Oak Tree Trunk or Treat, donating to our food drives, buying and wrapping gifts for the RISE toy drive, and volunteering on her own every Wednesday at a Church with children. We appreciate everything you have done, thank you for being a part of Key Club!



Anjana Janaththan

We are proud to announce that one of our key members of January is Anjana Janaththan! She has participated in countless events including volunteering at Haunted High School, Back to School Night, the Public Library, teaching kids Tamil and even choreographed dances for class programs at a non-profit organization. We appreciate everything you have done, thank you for being a part of Key Club!



Gwendolyn Singer

We are proud to announce that one of our key members of January is Gwendolyn Singer! She has participated in countless events including volunteering at the Old Bridge food bank, going on a community service trip to help preserve the natural lands of Hawaii, volunteering at her synagogue to help set up for events, and creating and donating self-watering planters to nursing homes as part of her Silver Award project for Girl Scouts. We appreciate everything you have done, thank you for being a part of Key Club!

DECA District 2025 Results

****all students on this list qualified for States - Congratulations!!!****

- **Account Application Series**
 - 9th Place - Ankit Seri
- **Automotive Services Marketing Series**
 - 6th Place - Pranav Edupuganti
 - 11th Place - Dev Patel
- **Business Finance Series**
 - 1st Place - Aditya Alvekar
 - 6th Place - Rithik Chandran
- **Business Law and Ethics Team Decision Making**
 - 4th Place - Janyavula, Srivastava
- **Buying and Merchandising Management Team Decision Making** ○ 1st Place - Davis, Modi
- **Entrepreneurship Series**
 - 1st Place - Ankita Ahlawat
 - 3rd Place - Anurag Kolla
- **Entrepreneurship Team Decision Making**
 - 8th Place - Nali, Siddireddy
- **Financial Consulting Event**
 - 7th Place - Arsh Dudeja
 - 11th Place - Om Patel
- **Financial Services Team Decision Making**
 - 3rd Place - Bendapudi, Vora
- **Food Marketing Series**
 - 8th Place - Akshita Chauhan
- **Hospitality and Tourism Professional Selling**
 - 3rd Place - Prisha Patel
 - 11th Place - Akash Talluri
 - 13th Place - Sadhvi Mutyala
- **Hospitality Services Management Team Decision Making**
 - 6th Place - Deshpande, Kumar
- **Hotel and Lodging Management**
 - 6th Place - Adrishya Amaresh
 - 8th Place - Akshay Nalla

DECA RESULTS CONT'D

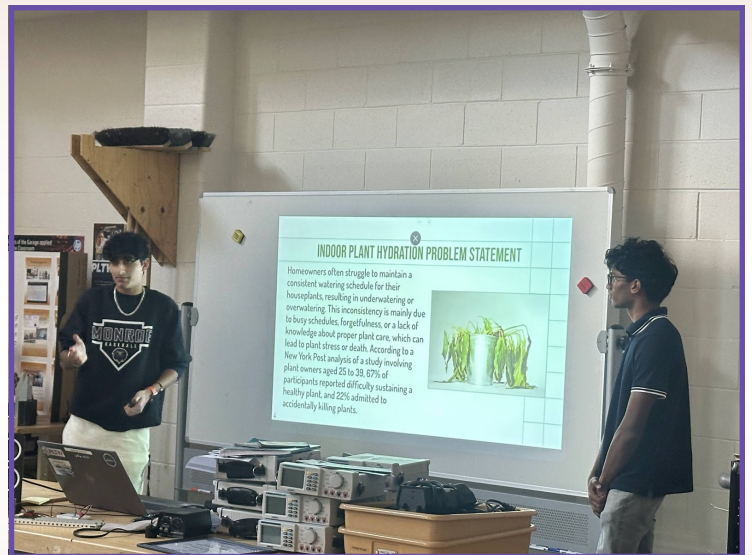
- **Human Resources Management Series**
 - 3rd Place - Abhinav Toti
 - 7th Place - Hasini Pasupuleti
 - 8th Place - Hemansh Desai
 - 10th Place - Kavya Kuntamukkala
- **Marketing Communication Series**
 - 2nd Place - Saakshi Kale
- **Marketing Management Team Decision Making**
 - 2nd Place - Gandhi, Intorcia
- **Personal Financial Literacy**
 - 3rd Place - Suhani Shah
- **Principles of Business Management and Administration**
 - 6th Place - Adarsh Pradeep
 - 7th Place - Luca Dukacz
- **Principles of Entrepreneurship**
 - 13th Place - Aishwarya Singh
- **Principles of Finance**
 - 5th Place - Satviki Arc
 - 11th Place - Michael Gopaul
- **Principles of Hospitality and Tourism**
 - 6th Place - Nila Beatrice Angapan
 - 13th Place - Shreyas Mete
- **Principles of Marketing**
 - 2nd Place - Tanvi Raj
 - 4th Place - Zeeshan Bohra
 - 6th Place - Virajita Kumar
 - 8th Place - Aadit Patel
 - 9th Place - Alexis Cook
- **Quick Service Restaurant Management Series**
 - 4th Place - Krish Shah
 - 8th Place - Arjun Bandaru
- **Restaurant and Food Service Management**
 - 12th Place - Rishab Paritala
- **Retail Merchandising**
 - 3rd Place - Arav Kumar
 - 13th Place - Neil Joshi
- **Sports and Entertainment Marketing Series**
 - 1st Place - Danica Zelvin
 - 5th Place - Swara Gowdra

MTHS Engineering Design and Development (EDD) Honors Capstone Class Half Year Presentations (2024-25)



The Engineering Design and Development class held their official half-year presentations on January 6th, displaying the culmination of their research and hard work thus far.

The presentation process had gone smoothly with only a change in dates being an issue. Before the official presentations, the students prepared themselves through a trial run to gain insights on how to improve.



A multitude of alumni (about 15) of the class took the time to come in to personally listen and critique each group's presentations on January 2nd. There was a larger influx of returning students compared to previous years, increasing the stakes and expectations placed on them.

One notable alumni was **Audrey Chen**, a Computer Science major studying at **Carnegie Mellon University** who also interned at **Lockheed Martin** (*A defense manufacturer responsible for creating new technologies for national security*). Using her coding expertise, she worked on numerous projects fixing issues on battleship systems or on radars with her team. We were lucky to have her come in and speak to our AP Computer Science Principles sections on her own experiences and how students can reach or go beyond where she has gotten.

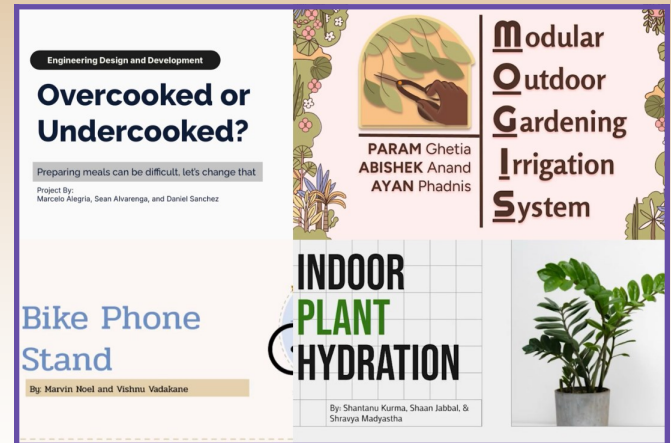


The students utilized the feedback they had received to perfect every aspect of their presentation. This not only would assist them on the upcoming date, but help with solidifying their foundational skills of presenting for when they continue on their future journey.

Cognizant of what had to be improved and how to ensure the official presentation goes as smoothly as possible, the EDD students went into the weekend knowing they were ready to crush their project proposals.

The topics addressed in their presentations consisted of:

- **Overcooked or Undercooked Food**
 - Bike Phone Stands
 - The Modular Outdoor Gardening Irrigation System
 - Indoor Plant Hydration



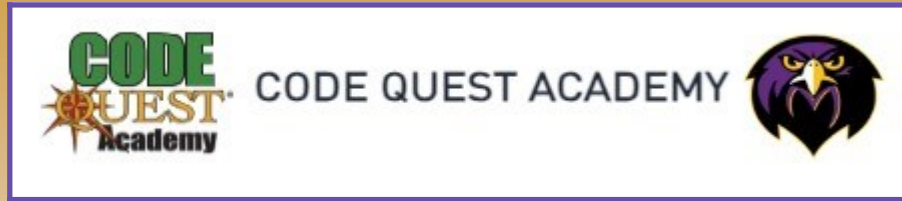
The students faced panelists, who came in to evaluate their proposals and give a few comments on what they think of their justifications. We are grateful to these panelists as they attended despite their busy schedules.

Those who attended included district supervisor **Mr. Zachary Morolda**, the teacher liaison for MEF grant the EDD students received, **Ms. Kristin Miller**, **Ms. Athena Evans**, a current employee of **Lockheed Martin** and **alumni** of the program.

The half-year presentations were an incredible learning experience for the students as they continue to work on their projects. All of the feedback, data, and research they have collected thus far will allow them to get closer to a **working prototype in June** when their final presentations occur. Until then, they will continue with their outreach to experts and collaborating with each other to solve their issue of choice.

All of our students have worked diligently and we can't wait to see what great things they will accomplish!

AP Computer Science principles (PLTW)



Students in 3 Project Lead the Way (PLTW) AP CSP classes were approved to be part of the Lockheed Martin's Code Quest Academy.

First virtual sessions with assigned mentors - showcased the significance of Computer Science in our country's top defense company. We have successfully had multiple follow-up sessions where they worked on problem sets created by Lockheed Martin professionals by using Python language in the Visual Studio Code (VSC) interface that the students use in the class to work on their PLTW Project Based curriculum learning environment.

Students teams mentored will be competing in the annual worldwide CODE Quest and CYBER Quest competitions conducted in the Lockheed Martin Moorestown NJ location during the month of March, 2025.



MTHS students currently enrolled in AP Computer Science Principles are eligible for a Dual Credit* opportunity due to a partnership between Monroe Township High School and Rowan University for Spring 2025.

The PLTW Computer Science curriculum taught at MTHS has been approved by the university and students get college credit at a discounted rate per credit.

Dual Enrollment programs enable students to take courses concurrently at two separate institutions: typically, dual enrollment participants are high school students who enroll at a partner college or university and take approved undergraduate courses, taught by university faculty/adjuncts/HS teachers hired as adjuncts in person at a pre-approved high school.

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

