



# Good News Bulletin

## MARCH 2026

### MARCH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:

We are proud to announce The Students of the Month have been selected for March 2026. They are:

**Freshman – Carina Demone**  
**Sophomore – Delilah Benenati**  
**Junior – Bryce Losey**  
**Senior – Caprice Simon**

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!

### DECA

The following students competed at the New Jersey State Career Development Conference (SCDC) in March and have advanced to the **DECA International Career Development Conference (ICDC) in Atlanta, Georgia** in April: **Adhya Mukunda (12)** Human Resources Management, the team of **Sadhvi Mutyala (12) and Saanvi Tondapu (10)** (Hospitality and Tourism Operations Research) , **Sanav Nandish (9)** (Principles of Entrepreneurship), **Natasha Ramakrishnan (10)** (Principles of Entrepreneurship) and **Kaveen Trivedi (10)** (Entrepreneurship Series).

## **ARTS**

It is with much pride that Mrs. Naumik, Mr. Virelles, Mrs. Hawxhurst, and Miss Casella exhibited 37 student works of Art at the 2026 Middlesex County Teen Arts Festival March 11<sup>th</sup> on the Middlesex County College Campus. Student works from 19 schools were all adjudicated in Seven Categories both verbally and in writing. The Five distinguished pieces of MTHS student work selected to go on to represent us at the State Level in June are:



9<sup>th</sup> grader Junainah Naser

*SELF PORTRAIT*

Miss Casella's Studio I Class



10<sup>th</sup> grader Melanie Garcia

*GIACOMETTI COW*

Mr. Virelles's Ceramics & Sculpture I Class

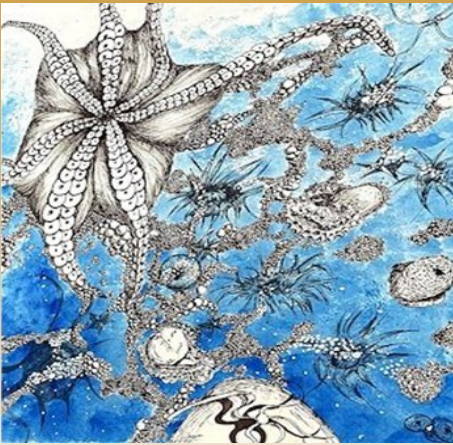


10<sup>th</sup> grader Rusna Kaur

*PUNJABI FIELD*

Mrs. Naumik's Studio II Class

## ART CONT'D



11<sup>th</sup> grader Raquel Landi

*OCTOPUS GARDEN*

Mrs. Naumik's Studio II Class



11<sup>th</sup> grader Juliet Leung

*ARTIST'S BENCH*

Mrs. Naumik's Studio III Class

## ROBOTICS

After an outstanding season of innovation, collaboration, and technical precision, MTHS Robotics Competition Team Monroe Alchemy has earned a coveted spot at the 2026 VEX Robotics World Championship. Competing against top teams at the New Jersey VEX State Championship, the team's robot demonstrated reliability and agility under pressure, securing high enough scores that propelled them to the global stage. This is the first time in school history that a robotics team earned a spot at VEX World Championships through their performance at the state level!

At Worlds in St. Louis, MO, Monroe Alchemy will join premier robotics teams from around the globe to showcase their engineering excellence and problem-solving skills. This achievement highlights the dedication and perseverance of every team member, as well as the guidance of their mentors who have supported them every step of the way. Representing New Jersey among the best in the world, the team is eager to continue pushing boundaries and inspiring future innovators.

From April 21<sup>st</sup> to April 24th, Monroe Alchemy team members Saksham Garg (11), Vedant Hathiramani (12), Nitish Sunku (11) and Vivek Suryanarayanan (11) will be competing on the World stage in St. Louis accompanied by Ms. McLaughlin and Mr. Carannante. We wish them the best of luck!!

## UNIFIED

Congratulations to the Unified Bowling Team for winning the NJSIAA Group A Unified Bowling State Tournament on March 3<sup>rd</sup> in North Brunswick. This is only the second year MTHS has had a Unified Bowling team. Members of the team are Joseph Kirk, Adrian Koubek, Dhruv Rao, Danuvia Guzman, Yasin Awaal, Matthew Attidore, Ayaan Ali, Zeeshaan Bohra, Veer Shah, Madison Montero, Gabrielle Siochi, Coach Meyers and Coach Mascali.



## MUSIC

One of our students in the Piano Program here at MTHS won the top rating in a music competition called "Music-Fest", and **Alexander Boutros** was awarded the top prize/rating of "Grand Prix" for playing Nocturne Opus.48 No. 1 in C Minor by Frederic Chopin at the Rising Talents Festival. He will have the honor includes playing the piece at Carnegie Hall on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations, Alex!!

## SPEECH AND DEBATE

We are proud to share that two of our students, Krish Kshatriya (12) and Arjun Kulkarni (10), achieved outstanding success at the recent National Speech & Debate district tournament, both advancing to the final round. Krish Kshatriya placed 2nd overall, while Arjun Kulkarni earned an impressive 6th place finish.

By reaching finals, both Krish & Arjun qualified for the National Speech & Debate Association Tournament this June. In the highly competitive Original Oratory event, only the top three competitors in the state are guaranteed a spot at nationals. With a 2nd place finish, Krish Kshatriya has guaranteed that Monroe Township High School will officially be represented at the national level!

Arjun has been named the 3rd alternate and may also have the opportunity to compete should additional spots become available.

Congratulations to both Krish and Arjun on their hard work, dedication, and achievement. We look forward to cheering Monroe on as Krish represents New Jersey on the national stage!



## FBLA

FBLA had their State Leadership Conference on March 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>. Below are the awards we won.

**Mrs. Jennifer Solomon** received the Outstanding Local Chapter Adviser of the Year.

The chapter as a whole won third place in Passport of Progress, Gold Seal of Merit Recipient, Chapter Website Award of Merit, fifth place in our Impactopoly Challenge, and fourth place in our Community Service Challenge.

### Individual & Team Event winners:

The following students placed in the Top 4 in their event and are eligible to attend the National Leadership Conference. **Shubhan Byram (12), Arav Kumar (12), Sudiksha Prassanna Kumar (11), Vyahriti Vootla (10), Dev Patel (10), Aman Patel (10), Alina Chaudhary (12), Shreyas Mishra (12), Vikram Ranganath (12), Harasees Singh (12), Suchi Oak (10), Dviti Soni (10), Saransh Malhotra (12), Hasini Pasupuleti (12), Abhinav Toti (12), Aryan Bhatt (11), Manvith Thavutam (11)**

The following students placed Top 10 in their category **Krish Mathur (10), Aaryan Patnaik (11), Sahana Thappali (12), Ryan David (11), Shikhar Sharma (11), Shaurya Srivastava (11), Devarsh Bhuvanagiri (10), Rohan Desai (12), Arav Kumar (12), Pratiksha Chilukuri (9), Srinethra Chilukuri (11), Arun Subramanian (11), Harikumar Ganesh (11), Rithvik Lekkala (10), Achintya Bharadwaj (9), Vivann Narula (9), Akshaye Pentela (10), Aarav Chandarana (9), Shivam Shah (10), Nitil Janyavula (11), Aryan Bhatt (11), Nila Beatrice Angappan (12), Shreya Harish (12), Rayaana Kazmi (12), Adhya Mukunda (12), Jiya Parikh (12), Vivaan Bendapudi (12), Aryan Srivastava (12), Shiv Vaidya (12), Aarush Vyakaranam (12), Venkata Saicharan Gangavarapu (11), Sreenidhi Nune (11), Aaryan Pothakamuri (12), Laasini Kavuri (12), Haricharan Koppuri (12)**

# MTHS Engineering Guest Speakers

2025-26

A former MTHS engineering student **Maanvi Sinha** came to talk to the senior PLTW Capstone class about her college experiences and preparing for college.



Maanvi attends **Pennsylvania University - University Campus**. Maanvi talked to the students about the many opportunities her college offers to her as an **Aerospace student**. Moreover, she also talked about life in college versus life in high school to prepare the seniors for their next step. Overall, her visit helped inspire and prepare a batch of prospective engineering students as they move on to the next phase of their education.

The senior PLTW Capstone classes also had former Lockheed Martin employee **Saurabh Bansal** visit the students to speak about his professional engineering experiences on **February 18th - 19th, 2026**.

Saurabh, who is a **Rutgers graduate in Electrical Engineering**, talked about his career at Lockheed Martin and how he shifted his career towards law after leaving his job at Lockheed Martin.



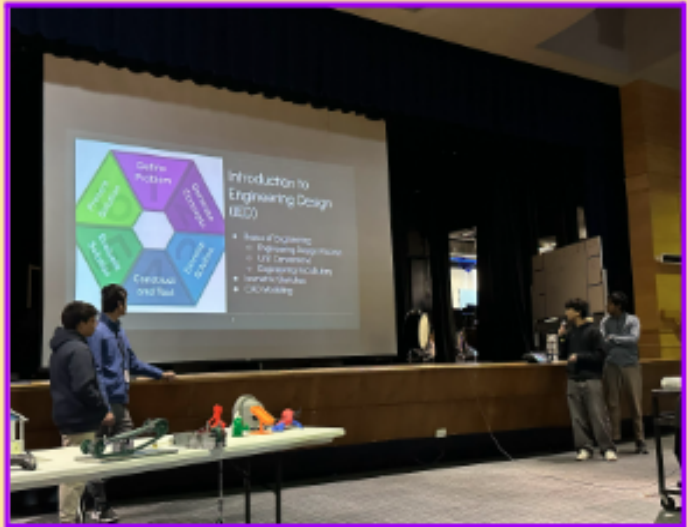
On top of that, Saurabh was able to inform our students about the many things he has learned as an engineer and give advice to the seniors as they begin to select a discipline of engineering to pursue.

A very special thanks to both Maanvi Sinha and Saurabh Bansal for making time to talk to our senior students.



# PLTW Engineering Showcase

On March 2nd, 2026, a group of engineering content apprentices (CA's) from the Work Based Learning (WBL) program at MTHS presented to our middle school about the **Project Lead the Way (PLTW)** course tracks offered at the high school. All the content apprentices have taken a plethora of PLTW courses at the high school and therefore have experienced most of the courses talked about during the presentation.



PLTW offers a **Computer Science track**, of which **Computer Science Essentials**, **AP Computer Science Principles**, and **Cybersecurity** are offered at MTHS. Alongside the Computer Science track, PLTW also offers an **Engineering Track**, which includes **Introduction to Engineering**, **Civil Engineering & Architecture**, and **Principles of Engineering**.

Students who have taken at least 2 courses from either track are eligible to take the **PLTW Capstone class**, which is a year-long project where students identify a problem and design a working prototype to solve it.

The prospective PLTW students from MTMS are from the **Computer Science & Coding**, and **Intro to Engineering classes**. They were eager to learn about the coursework and opportunities they would encounter at MTHS.



## PLTW Engineering Showcase Cont'd



Giving a brief overview of the classes offered at MTHS, the content apprentices showcased multiple projects from the engineering classes and the robotics competition team. Pictured on the left are architectural models coming from the Civil Engineering & Architecture class. On top of that, there are also hands-on builds showcasing engineering concepts from the Principles of Engineering class.

Finally, there are models from the 3D Design Club as well as a competition robot from the MTHS Robotics Competition Team, which the students got to see in action.

A special thanks to Ms. Montgomery and Ms. Curran for bringing their classes to the presentation and letting the content apprentices talk to their students. Another special thanks to content apprentices and MTHS Senior students, Srujan Patil, Anish Padma, Gokul Krishnaswamy, and Tarun Addanki.



## **DRAMA CLUB**

With the spring musical *Grease* fast approaching, drama club would like to share some exciting news about their fall 2026 production.

The MTHS Drama Club entered Montclair University's Foxy Awards in the fall with their musical *Winner*. This entrance represented multiple firsts: it was the first time the drama club ever entered a theatre competition, and it was the first time *Winner* was performed by a high school. *Winner*, which was written by Joe Barros and Nico Juber, celebrated all things millennial. The cast was honored to have the playwrights in attendance.

Montclair's Foxy award nominations were released this month, and the drama club is proud to be nominated for nine categories:

Outstanding Achievement by a Student Costume Designer for a Musical

- Alyson Simon and Jade (Gabriella) Wilson

Outstanding Achievement by a Student Makeup Designer for a Musical

- Jade (Gabriella) Wilson

Outstanding Achievement by a Student Stage Crew for a Musical

- Sarah Tolnes, Daniel Giacomini, Rylan Masters, and Noami Gershanok

Outstanding Achievement in Multimedia & Theatrical Innovation Design for a Musical

- Ms. Kate Roach

Outstanding Achievement in Stage Combat in a Musical

- Ms. Kate Roach

Outstanding Achievement in Dramaturgy in a Musical

- Ms. Kate Roach

The Risk Taking in Direction of a Musical Award

- Ms. Kate Roach and Mr. Joshua Acampado

Outstanding Performance by a Featured Ensemble Actor - Established

- Eshaan Daniel as Mr. Warren

Outstanding Performance by a Supporting Actor - Comprehensive

- Peter Piccini as Mike on the Mic

The winners will be announced at a special awards ceremony in May. The MTHS Drama Club will enter its second theatre competition with its spring musical *Grease*, which will be adjudicated for Papermill Playhouse's Rising Star Awards.

## AP AFRICAN STUDIES



On Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, Mr. John Murphy's AP African American Studies class hosted an African drum lesson and session which was led by the duo of instructors Adam Issadore and Yahya Kamate from the company Path to Rhythm. The event was held on the stage in the PAC and was attended by several MTHS students and staff members. Adam and Yahya conducted an educational and inspiring discussion about the history of African drums and the influences in musical forms from the past to the present. Participants were given an authentic African djembe drum and were taught how to play traditional African rhythms under the guidance of the drum instructors. The event was a great hands-on learning experience for the students and staff participants.

## BAND

On March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, the **MTHS Honors Percussion Ensemble** performed at WGI Toms River Regional in Toms River, NJ. After two days of competition, the MTHS Honors Percussion Ensemble won **FIRST PLACE** and took home the regional championship for the fourth year in a row in the Scholastic Concert A Class.

On Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, several students of the **MTHS Jazz Ensemble** auditioned for a spot in the New Jersey Association for Jazz Education Region ensemble. Congratulations to the following students on their placement in this competitive ensemble: **Ava Esser (9)**, **Maia Pai (9)**, **Edward Tsistinas (12)**, and **Manvith Thavutam (11)**.

On Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, the **MTHS Honors Wind Ensemble** was invited to perform at the beautiful and historic Carnegie Hall in New York City. The students and teachers of the Wind Ensemble would like to extend their gratitude to the staff, parents, the MEF, and the administration for their support of the arts and for helping the MTHS Wind Ensemble have a historic performance on one of the grandest stages in the world!

# KEY CLUB

March Newsletter

## Updates/Events

**DECON:** Members who attended DECON had an amazing experience connecting with other clubs, celebrating service, and gaining inspiration for future projects. In addition, our hygiene drive was a huge success, collecting essential items to support those in need within our NJ community. Thank you to everyone who contributed and helped make a positive impact!

**Arts & Crafts Night:** March also featured a successful Arts & Crafts Night in collaboration with Builders Club! Members came together to create fun and meaningful projects while building connections across grade levels. This Zootopia themed event brought creativity, teamwork, and community spirit, making it a memorable and impactful night for everyone involved.

**March Meeting:** Our March general meeting went amazingly, informing our members of upcoming events and elections. During the meeting, we also completed our Letters to Elders activity, where members wrote thoughtful messages to seniors in our community.

## Thank You!

Thank you everyone who supported our Duck Donuts fundriaser! Your participation helped make it a big success and will support future service projects and events. We truly appreciate it!

## Upcoming

- **Beach Sweep** - April 11<sup>th</sup>
- **Key Club Elections** - April 14<sup>th</sup>

## Arts & Crafts Night



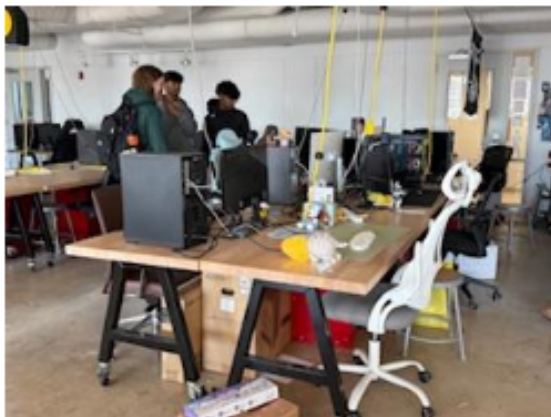
# **NJIT - Hillier College of Architecture and Design and Makerspace**

Monroe Township High School PLTW CEA students had an opportunity to attend a field trip to Hillier College of Architecture and Design, to include a tour of the state-of-the-art Makerspace at NJIT, on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The students were able to visit the studio space, where creativity and design come together. If quiet time or project research is needed, the expansive Architectural library is available at the student's disposal. The school of Architecture offers seven-degree programs. When it's time to bring your project to life, students can use the Makerspace which is comprised of over 21,000 square feet – making it the largest educational facility of its kind in New Jersey.

## **Student testimonials**

Our field trip to NJIT was an incredible experience that taught me so much about the broad world of architecture and engineering. I learned so much about different machines and all the many things that NJIT's makerspace has to offer. It was overall a great day, and I would definitely do it again if given the chance!

*Sahan P.*



"My campus tour at NJIT was enlightening - I was exposed to a unique school campus with an incredibly interactive guide. I hope to visit the school again when NJIT students are back in session from spring break to hear about their experience!" Thanks for the great experience!

*Zainab A.*

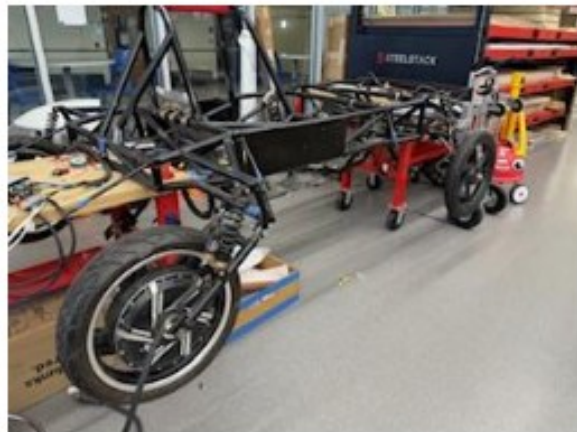
## CIVIL ENGINEERING & ARCHITECTURE CONT'D



I think the NJIT field trip was very informative and fun at the same time, we got to experience how college at NJIT is while also learning how daily life is there.

*Mokshith R.*

*Submitted by: Max Nixon  
Teacher of Drafting  
and Engineering*



**Below are the individual achievements for our winter sports athletes**

** Basketball**

**Josh Ellis** - All Division

**Kiera Longo** - All Conference & All Division

** Bowling**

**Preet Kalsi** - All Conference & All Division


**Aiden Wysokowski** - All Conference & All Division

**Aiden Hoppe** - All Conference & All Division

**Andrew Wysokowski** - All Division

**Boys Bowling: Central Group 4 Sectional Champions & Group 4 State Champions!**

**Unified Bowling: State Champions!**

** Winter Track**

**Nishanth Tamma** - All Conference & All Division

**Shashaank Kapa** - All Conference & All Division

**James Giordano** - All Conference & All Division

**Adedotun Aderibigbe** - All Division

**Denise Pena** - All Division

** Hockey**

**Matthew DePalma** - All Conference

**Benjamin Blizniak** - All Conference

**Aiden Mammolitti** - Honorable Mention

**Nicholas Diaz** - Honorable Mention

** Swimming**

**Annie Boshra** - All Conference & All Division

**Jenevieve Warner** - All Division

**Nicole Wu** - All Division

**Rory Kraft** - All Division

**Jasmine Khemchandani** - All Division

**Brandon Anand** - All Conference & All Division

**Aidan Lui** - All Conference & All Division

**Jacob Barcik** - All Division

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

