

The Newsletter of Pemberton Township Schools

July, 2025

Two Pemberton Township Schools Administrators Recognized by BCEA

Kimberly Brucale, Special Services Supervisor of Secondary Programs at Pemberton Township Schools, and Deana Chiarella, Supervisor of Math, Science, Technology for grades 6 through 12, recently received recognition from the Burlington County Education Association, Brucale and Chiarella both received the annual Friend of Education Award from the organization.

The objective is to provide annual recognition for a person, organization or group whose leadership, acts and/ or support have contributed to the improvement of public education on a county level.

The criteria states that a nominee must reflect philosophies and principles that advance BCEA's mission, priorities, and strategic goals.

"At their core, Kim and Deana are advocates for each student having every opportunity to excel and experience success," Adelina Giannetti, assistant superintendent of Pemberton Township Schools, said. "I am deeply proud of their tireless efforts in the pursuit of excellence for our school community."



Kimberly Brucale, left, and Deana Chiarella, right, received the Friend of Education Award from the Burlington County Education Association for contributing to the improvement of public education on the county level.

Fort Dix Elementary School Names New Principal

The Pemberton Township Board of Education has approved the appointment of Kelly Reising as principal of Fort Dix Elementary School. Reising joins Pemberton from William G. Rohrer Middle School in Haddon Township where she served as the assistant principal. Reising previously worked for Audubon School District in various roles from 2015 to 2022. She also served as a history teacher and a school counselor for the Northern Burlington County Regional School District.

During her tenure, she served as a member of the Military Appreciation Committee, which was responsible for activities during Month of the Military Child. Reising also assisted with the Annual Military Family Appreciation Game, participated in Operation Cookie Drop, and coordinated soldier sponsorships following 9/11 during the Global War on Terrorism.

"I want to ensure military-connected children are not only supported through their transitions," Reising said, "but are also given every opportunity to succeed, lead, and grow in a school that understands and honors their lived experiences. Working at Fort Dix feels like a natural continuation of my purpose: to serve those who serve our country by supporting their children."



Kelly Reising was approved *as the principal of Fort Dix* Elementary School and began her tenure on July 1, 2025.



Pemberton Learning Community: Pursuing Excellence One Child at a Time

CONGRATULATIONS PTHS TOP 12!



SARAH RUZICKA

Rank: 1

Activities: S.T.E.M. Academy, Robotics Club, Class Vice President, Student Ambassador, National Honor Society, Student Council, Homecoming Committee, Field Hockey Captain, Swim Team Captain

Awards: BCSL All-Star, Scholar Athlete, Hornet Award, Coach's Award, BCSL Scholar Athlete of the Year, People's Choice Award

Future Plans: Drexel University, Environmental Engineering



LELANI SILVER-ROSARIO

Rank: 4

Activities: Travel Club President, Musical, National Honor Society President, Class President, Green and White Night Captain, Homecoming Committee, Student Ambassador, S.T.E.M. Academy, Field Hockey Captain, Swim Team Captain, Softball

Awards: Athlete of the Year, BCSL All-Star, Scholar Athlete

Future Plans: Pennsylvania State University, Architectural Engineering



SAFI ABBAS Rank: 2

Activities: F.B.L.A. President, S.T.E.M. Academy, Robotics Club, Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, Tri-M, Volleyball Club

Awards: F.B.L.A. States Winner, AP Scholar with Distinction, German Award, Maurice and Dorothy Gower Memorial Scholarship, F.B.L.A. Nationals Attendee

Future Plans: Rutgers University, Computer Science



ELIZABETH TRUBEE

Rank: 5

Activities: Travel Club Secretary, National Honor Society Vice President, Student Ambassador, Homecoming Committee, Swim Team Captain, Girls Tennis

Awards: Scholar Athlete, MVP Award (Swim), Distinguished Honor Roll, National AP Scholar Award, English Award, French Award

Future Plans: University of Connecticut, Political Science and Anthropology



LUKAS LAWRENCE

Rank: 3

Activities: S.T.E.M. Academy, F.B.L.A. Parliamentarian and Vice President, Robotics Club, Bowling, Track and Field

Awards: State Leadership Conference Attendee, BCPSA Academic Award, Excellence in Engineering Award, English Award, AP Scholar with Honors, Scholar Athlete

Future Plans: Stevens Institute of Technology, Electrical Engineering



LOGAN MAYHUE

Rank: 6

Activities: Swim Team, F.B.L.A. Officer, Deborah Heart and Lung Volunteer, Math Team, Boys Tennis, National Honor Society, AVID

Awards: Math Award, AVID Award, History Award, Deborah Volunteering Award, AP Scholar with Honors, Maurice and Dorothy Gower Memorial Scholarship

Future Plans: Rowan College at Burlington County, Civil Engineering

LOOKING TOWARD A BRIGHT FUTURE!



COLE YOCK

Rank: 7

Activities: Medical Arts Academy President, H.O.S.A. President, Blood Drive Coordinator, National Honor Society Vice President, Student Ambassador, Homecoming Committee, Boys Tennis

Awards: People's Choice Award, Future Health Professional Award

Future Plans: Fordham University, Pre-Med



BRIANA GARCIA Rank: 10

Activities: National Honor Society, Homecoming Committee, Softball, Green and White Night Captain, Student Government, Student Council, Student Ambassador, Yearbook Club

Awards: People's Choice Award, National Hispanic Recognition Program Award, Rotary Club Scholarship, Maurice and Dorothy Gower Memorial Scholarship

Future Plans: Fordham University, Communications and Culture, Public Relations



GABRIELLE CLAYTON

Rank: 8

Activities: S.T.E.M. Academy, Morning Buzz, Student Ambassador, N.A.A.C.P., Student Council, Robotics Club, Winter Track, National Honor Society

Future Plans: United States Air Force, Software Developmental Operations



VICTORIA POINSETT

Rank: 11

Activities: F.B.L.A. Vice President, Tri-M, F.A.M.E. Academy, National Honor Society Secretary, Travel Club Vice President, Musical, Student Ambassador, L.O.C.K., Girls Tennis Captain, Boys Tennis Manager

Awards: Hornet Award, Coaches Award, Women in S.T.E.M. Scholarship, Maurice and Dorothy Gower Memorial Scholarship

Future Plans: Rutgers University, Biochemistry



SIANI BROWN

Rank: 9

Activities: Medical Arts Academy, National Honor Society, S.T.E.M. Academy, Robotics Club, American Legion Girls State, Girls Tennis

Awards: AP Computer Science Principles Certificate of Excellence, MVP Award (Girls Tennis), Distinguished Honor Roll, Science Award

Future Plans: Rider University, Biology



AUDREANA GORMAN

Rank: 12

Activities: National Honor Society, H.O.S.A. Fundraising Committee and Vice President, Blood Drive Coordinator, Student Council, Homecoming Committee, Girls Soccer, Softball

Awards: CTE Award, MVP Award (Girls Soccer), Future Health Professional Award, French Scholar Award, Clinical Medical Assistant Certification, CPR Certification

Future Plans: Monmouth University, Biology



HELEN A. FORT EIGHTH GRADE AWARDS CEREMONIES!



PTHS SENIOR CLAPOUT PARADE AT PECEC









Pemberton Township High School seniors were recognized with a celebratory Senior Clap Out Parade at the Pemberton Early Childhood Education Center on June 18th.

Over 70 graduates were among the inaugural class to attend PECEC when it opened in 2011. Those students' preschool photos were paired with their senior portraits in the halls as they paraded in their cap and gown. Preschool learners and their instructors joined together to applaud and cheer for the Class of 2025!





25 STUDENTS INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

25 students from Marcus W. Newcomb and Helen A. Fort Middle Schools were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society on May 28th. 19 sixth-grade students from Newcomb, and a seventh-grade student and six eighth-grade students from Helen Fort were inducted at the 16th annual induction ceremony. Congratulations on this distinguished honor!

GRADE



▲ Middle school students from Newcomb and Helen Fort were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society at the annual ceremony hosted in the auditorium at Helen Fort on Wednesday, May 28th.



Presidential Lakes Civic Association/VFW Post 6590 Joint Scholarship Awards Luncheon





2025 PTHS graduates Akeelah Thomas, Oluwatimilehin Moradeyo, Eva Horner, Keira Seales, Sarah Ruzicka, Lelani Silver-Rosario and Eniola Oluwagbemi were awarded scholarships at the Presidential Lakes Civic Association/VFW Post 6590 Joint Scholarship Awards Luncheon on June 21st.

Guest speakers included New Jersey 8th Legislative District senator Latham Tiver, superintendent Jeff Havers, Board president Lionel Lee and PTHS principal Dr. Darvis Holley. Tiver also awarded Certificates of Commendation and Praise on behalf of the State of New Jersey Senate and General Assembly to each of the scholarship recipients!









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Newcomb Band and Chorus Perform at Senior Center

Band and choral students from Marcus W.

Newcomb Middle School attended the Pemberton
Township Senior Center for three performances
in May and June. Under the leadership of band
director Frank Zintl and chorus director Afton
Pressley, students performed upbeat tunes and
played bingo with senior citizens. The middle
school music department recently received a \$1,250
grant from the Peter R. Marsh Foundation and
planned three musical and visitation
engagements for senior audiences.

