



# Pemberton Township Schools



## Pemberton Pride Newsletter

June, 2019

*Pursuing Excellence, One Child at a Time*

### Three Additional Schools Achieve National Schools of Character Designation!



Isaiah Haines Elementary School, Harker-Wylie Elementary School and Helen Fort Middle School have been designated 2019 National Schools of Character by Character.org, joining the ranks of 6 other Pemberton Township Schools.

The three schools join Fort Dix Elementary School, Samuel Busansky School, Alexander Denbo School, Howard Emmons School, Pemberton Early Childhood Education Center and Joseph Stackhouse School, who were all recognized as 2018 National Schools of Character. The designations are valid for 3 years. "We are extremely proud of this achievement," said superintendent Tony Trongone. "Character education continues to be a top priority for the district, improving the climate, culture and academics in every school."

Above, representatives from Haines, Harker-Wylie and Helen Fort attend the awards ceremony for the National School of Character designation. Congratulations!

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## Congratulations PTHS Top 12 Students!



It's a stellar year for PTHS graduates, with the class of 2019 moving on to incredibly bright futures! From pre-med, to engineering to law, the top 12 students plan on having a positive impact in the future. And they are joined by 241 other graduates who are moving on to excellent universities, enlisting in the military or embarking on careers. Congratulations PTHS Class of 2019!

*Above, the top 12 were honored at the Pemberton Rotary Dinner. Left to right: Rotary president Donna Craddock, Robert Reid, Millisa Yensel, Joseph Ditaranto, Nina Stecher, Chloe Ackerley, Emily Ruzicka, Principal Eder Joseph, Jordan Saville, John Arbelo, Imah Wroble, Kiernan King, Makenziy McClure, Tiernan McGreevy and Superintendent Tony Trongone.*

[Click here to read about Pemberton's Top 12!](#)

## National Honor Societies Induct 150 Members!



Pemberton Township Schools inducted 150 members into its three National Honor Societies this year, which include the high school National Honor Society, the middle schools National Junior Honor Society, and the 5th grade National Elementary Honor Society. Congratulations to the inductees who earned admission to these prestigious groups, meeting the criteria of scholarship, leadership, service, character and citizenship.

[Click Here for a List of All Honor Society Inductees!](#)

## JROTC Students Recognized and Rewarded



Two JROTC students were awarded generous scholarships to prestigious colleges this year, enabling them to continue their education and service. Senior **David Doty** (left) will be attending Embry–Riddle Aeronautical University in the fall, and was awarded \$128,286. Senior **Kayla Buckelew** (right) received a scholarship of \$103,950 to attend Valley Forge Military College. Both scholarships were presented by the Army ROTC for the students' outstanding academics, service and JROTC contributions. Congratulations!

## Helen Fort Fire Bowl Team Wins State Championship!



Congratulations to the Helen Fort Fire Science Team for being crowned Champions of the NJ state F.I.R.E. Bowl Competition! This is the first time in the 17 year history of the competition that a team from southern New Jersey has won. The F.I.R.E. Bowl is an annual competition that promotes fire safety education among middle school students through a quiz show-inspired format. Students spend hours after school studying and preparing for the competition and put forth an incredible effort during the face-paced event. Kudos to all students and advisors!

*Above, Advisors Kenny Taylor and Scott Mitchell join Fire Bowl Team members Edgar Ochoa, Oscar Chavez-Guillen, Layla Marshall, Ella South, Elyssa Gravatt, Destinee Goodly, Racheal Hussman, Evan Lin and David Baker. Not Pictured: Devin Chen and Kyra Knight.*



## Co-op Students of the Year

**Busansky Safety Patrol Student Earns State Recognition**

**Co-op, Intern Students Recognized In End of Year Ceremony**

Fifth grade Busansky student **Sabrina Perry** was recently awarded the AAA NJ Outstanding School Safety Patroller of the Year. Sabrina was one of only 8 awardees in the state, selected from a pool of over 15,000 safety patrollers! Acknowledged for her compassion and dedication, she received a trophy, safety belt, and \$100 gift certificate. Congratulations Sabrina!

The PTHS School-to-Career Advisory Board presented the Students of the Year awards in May, recognizing the top co-op students and interns. Proud recipients above are: (left to right): Alaira Crawley and Chantel Still, Interns of the Year; Remilekun Awolumate, #1 Co-op Student of the Year, Kailey Stinehart, Academic Co-op Student of the Year and Andre Williams, Employment Student of the Year.

## Staff Accolades and Retirements



Pemberton Athletic Director **Joe McColgan** was recently named Burlington County Scholastic League **Athletic Director of the Year!** Joe joined Pemberton in 2014 as athletic director, and his commitment and dedication to student athletes helped him earn this honor from among 20 other districts in the league. Congratulations!



Forty-one Pemberton staff members retired this year, with a combined total of 904 years of service to Pemberton! Thank you for your contributions and devotion to Pemberton--You Will Be Missed!

[Click to view the complete list of Retirees](#)



Be sure to watch **Superintendent Tony Trongone** as he brings you the latest information on school programs and initiatives on his video blog **Inside Outlook**.

[Click here](#) to watch the most recent episode, and catch up on ones you may have missed!

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