

Pemberton Pride

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HELEN FORT AND NEWCOMB ROGATE CLUB STUDENTS SHINE IN FINAL UN MODEL CONFERENCE

Students from Helen Fort and Newcomb participating in the Rogate/UN Model Club were recently recognized for their outstanding achievement at the final UN Model Conference on June 1.

Sixth grader Katie Henkel received honorable recognition as the Delegate of Distinction.

"Since it was my first year, I was really proud of myself," Henkel said. "I didn't really have as much experience as the seventh or eighth graders. I thought it was a really cool achievement."



The Rogate/Model UN Club participated in three virtual conferences.

Sixth grader Alexander Hawkins, along with seventh graders Miranda Guillen and Nataliyah Johnson also received notable recognition as

Outstanding Delegates.

"It's amazing," Hawkins said. "There were a bunch of other people higher up, seventh and eighth graders, but to have a sixth grader do that - it's just flattering. There's really nothing else like it."

The Rogate Club allows students to interact in debates and teaches them the fundamentals of actual United Nations conferences. Danielle Grgas, a sixth grade language arts literacy teacher at Newcomb, and Michael Martusus, a history teacher at Helen Fort, direct the extracurricular activity that takes place after school and typically runs from November to May. Due to altered circumstances as a result of COVID-19, the club ran from December to June this school year.

In a normal year, students participate in three conferences. The first conference takes place at Penn Museum and students would learn about the backgrounds of various countries and cultures. The second conference is a trip to Temple University. Attending students are taught how to write position papers, resolutions and learn about the communication style of UN delegates. This trip prepares the students for their third and final conference - the UN Model Conference. Due to COVID-19, the conferences were virtual and divided into two entities to accommodate all participating schools.

Each year, students are faced with a proposed question. The topic this year correlated with the pandemic and was centered around health care. Students were assigned a country and participated in



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discussions and writing exercises that pertained to their specific country's issues in terms of the proposed topic.

Evidently, the students did a masterful job.

"They did a great job," Grgas said. "I've watched the kids grow every year. After I gave them a little of a push, they really rocked it. In 22 years of teaching, this is the most proud I've been. They were awesome."



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CONGRATULATIONS PTHS TOP 12!



VAIDEHI PATEL

Rank: 1

Activities: Student Council President, FBLA Vice President, Math Team Vice President, HOSA, Class Officer, National Honor Society Vice President, WHY Club, PTHS Digest Editor

Awards: Distinguished Honor Roll, AP Scholar with Distinction, NJ Senate and General Assembly Academic Award

Future Plans: Rutgers University, Nursing



ROBERT MIDURA

Rank: 2

Activities: Swim Team Captain, Robotics Club Vice President, National Honor Society Treasurer, Health and Wellness Committee Student Representative, Robotics Summer Camp Counselor, Homecoming Committee

Awards: Three-time Scholar Athlete (Swimming), Hornet Award (Swimming)

Future Plans: Elizabethtown College, Mechanical Engineering, Chemistry, Swimming



MICHAEL YENSEL

Rank: 3

Activities: Football, National Honor Society, Weight Club

Awards: Two-Year Varsity Award (Football)

Future Plans: Rowan College at Burlington County, Computer Science



JOSHUA GORMAN

Rank: 4

Activities: Math Team, Varsity Tennis, Varsity Soccer

Awards: Four-Year Varsity Award (Soccer)

Future Plans: Stevens Institute of Technology, Computer Science



GABRIELA DIRECTO

Rank: 5

Activities: Tennis Captain, Swim Team, National Honor Society Liaison, Travel Club Vice President, Student Council Treasurer, Class of 2021 Secretary, Interact Club, Black History Club, L.O.C.K

Awards: Distinguished Honor Roll, Most Dedicated Swimmer Award

Future Plans: Rutgers University School of Business



ANTUANETTE
OSEGUERA-ORDONEZ

Rank: 6

Activities: Math Team, W.H.Y. Club, Academic Team, FBLA, Homecoming, National Honor Society, Student Council, Medical Arts Academy, HOSA

Awards: Academic Excellence Award (for AP Biology, AP Language and Composition, and AP Environmental Science)

Future Plans: Rowan College at Burlington County, Biology

LOOKING TOWARD A BRIGHT FUTURE!



CRYSTAL KRAIL FARIA

Rank: 7

Activities: Travel Club, Math Team

Awards: Distinguished Honor Roll, Meritorious Honor Roll

Future Plans: The College of New Jersey, Criminology



THOMAS HAYS

Rank: 8

Activities: JROTC Battalion Commander, Color Guard, A-STEM Academy, National Honor Society President

Awards: Distinguished Honor Roll, Three-time recipient of the Superior Cadet Decoration, Sons of the American Revolution Medal

Future Plans: Arizona State University, Japanese Language, United States Air Force



AMANDA NEVE

Rank: 9

Activities: National Honor Society, Debate Club, Varsity Softball, Varsity Winter Track & Field, Homecoming Committee, HOSA, 4-H Club Vice President

Awards: Three-Year Varsity Award (Softball), Distinguished Honor Roll

Future Plans: University of Miami, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology



ANTONIO ESPADA

Rank: 10

Activities: Art Club, GSA, Jazz Band, Math Team, Marching Band, Indoor Percussion, Homecoming

Awards: Director's Award (Concert Band)

Future Plans: Pratt Institute, Communications Design



JINTIAN HUANG

Rank: 11

Activities: Math Team, Robotic Team, A-STEM

Awards: Burlington County Math League 2nd Scorer, Distinguished Honor Roll, Meritorious Honor Roll

Future Plans: University of Texas Austin, Chemical Engineering



YOHANNA BAUERDORF

Rank: 12

Activities: Varsity Tennis, Pemberton Players, Interact Club, Travel Club, Student Council, L.O.C.K, National Honor Society, Class Executive Board, Black History Club, New Jersey Association of Student Councils

Awards: Outstanding Honor Roll, Meritorious Honor Roll, People's Choice Recipient, NBC 10 Leadership Award, Student of the Month

Future Plans: University of Southern California, Communications, Journalism and TV Production

PTHS TRACK AND FIELD TEAM EXCELS AT COUNTY OPEN AND SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The PTHS track and field team competed in the County Open at Rancocas Valley Regional High School on May 22 and celebrated a successful outing.

Senior Matt Forman became the first Pemberton male in 51 years to win the County Open 400-meter title.



PTHS senior Matt Forman stands on the podium after placing first in the 400-meter event at the County Open.



PTHS junior Zach Debose placed first in the 110-meter hurdles event at the County Open.

"It's pretty special for the fact that Pemberton is always the underdog in all sports," Forman said. "It's a good feeling to come out and win the 400-meter while wearing a Pemberton uniform for the first time in 51 years. It's always special to come out on top."

Junior Zach Debose won the 110-meter

hurdles title with a personal record of 14.99 seconds, which ranked him in the top ten in the state. Debose also finished second in the 400-meter hurdles.

Third place finishers included Kinu Freeman in the high jump and the quartet of Freeman, Lily Israel, Memo Yahi and Leilani Johnson in the 4x100.

Forman proceeded to capture the 400-meter sectional championship and broke the school record. Debose also captured both the 110-meter hurdles and the 400-meter hurdles sectional crowns.

Marty Wilson-Sigler (high jump) and the quartets of Debose, David Israel, Simmeon Wilson, Elijah Cornish (boys, 4x100) and Lily Israel, Yahi, Johnson and Chloe Green (girls, 4x400) also qualified for the NJSSAA Group 2 state finals.

Congratulations to the PTHS track and field team for all of their hard work and accomplishments in 2021. Go Hornets!

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