

SERIOUS Commitment to the SUCCESS of Every Student



Riverview Seniors Attend the Rome International Model UN Conference

Last month, 5 Senior members of the Riverview Model United Nations team participated in their first international conference, in Rome, Italy. The team was invited to attend the eleventh edition of the Rome International Model United Nations, a conference that had 450 participants from 26 high schools from 16 different countries. The conference, which follows European THIMUN Model UN procedure, chose the theme of Nationalism for its 2017 focus and divided students into many different General Assembly and Economic and Social Council Committees in order to promote discussion of the problems facing the current world. Model United Nations always enables students to discuss current issues, but holding these discussions with students who bring different cultural ideals and understandings to the conference opens the door to more fruitful and eye-opening conversations and solutions. Over the course of 5 days, our students discussed, in English, the issues facing the people of the world with students from Istanbul, Mauritius, Romania, Jerusalem, India, Sweden, and many other countries. In the shadow of Ancient History, our students became the decision makers of the future. The members of the team, Tyler Aber, Dana Grover, Danielle Hanlon, Lena Ison, and Emma Patterson, were leaders throughout the five day simulation and their ideas and thoughts became the basis for many of the discussions during the conference.



It is with pleasure that Mr. Ken Kubistek (Model UN Sponsor and Social Studies teacher) and the Riverview family announce that two Riverview students were recognized during the Closing Ceremonies of the conference.

Danielle Hanlon - First Place Best Delegate for her role as a Syrian Delegate in the General Assembly 3: Social Humanitarian and Cultural Committee
Emma Patterson - Second Place Outstanding Delegate for her role as a Syrian Delegate in the General Assembly 6: Legal Committee

Congratulations to all five Riverview delegates and to teacher, Mr. Ken Kubistek, for their performance and leadership at the conference and for their interest in immersing themselves into an unfamiliar situation and embracing the challenge. The students and sponsor Mr. Ken Kubistek would like to thank the Riverview administration, school board, and all family, friends, and businesses (Jendoco and Riverview Education Association) who donated their money, suggestions, and support to make this trip of a lifetime happen. Visit the Travel Blog at <http://www.travelpod.com/travel-blog/rmunrome/1/tpod.html>. This truly was a **SERIOUSLY SUCCESSFUL** experience!

Congratulations Riverview Teachers - on your SERIOUS SUCCESS!

- Rachelle Poth (JHSH Foreign Language Teacher)
"Proclamation from Allegheny County Council"- March 2017
"PAECT Outstanding Teacher Award"- February 2017
"Published Author"- January 2017
- Nathan Hart (Music Teacher)
"PA 2016 Dance Teacher of the Year"- December 2016
"Ruth Bergad Award"- October 2015
- Patsy Kvortek (JHSH Business Teacher)
"Excellence in Financial Literacy Education"- October 2016
- Dena Huselton (JHSH Business Teacher)
"Sophia Zacharias Award in Excellence in Teaching Economics"- December 2013

Congratulations to RJSHS Key Club

Congratulations to The Riverview High School Key Club for winning several awards & honors for their outstanding service at Pennsylvania Key Club District Convention held in Harrisburg in March. Service hours for this year were documented from March of 2016 to March of 2017. There are currently 60 members of this club.

District convention is a great opportunity to learn about service projects, fundraising, Key Club initiatives and more. 19 students from Riverview attended the 2017 convention to continue to develop leadership within the Riverview School District. The students had the opportunity to attend a variety of workshops throughout the conference. Workshops included officer training, membership development, new service projects, building leaders outside of Key Club and continuing to serve others at the college level.



2 members of the Riverview High School Key Club were elected officers to Pennsylvania Key Club District Board. This is a huge honor and we couldn't be more proud of their service and leadership. Since Key Club was chartered in Pennsylvania in 1947, there were only two Riverview students elected to the prestigious office of Governor. They were Amanda Badali in 2004-2005 and Julie Whyte in 1991-1992. Grace will be the third Riverview student added to this list!

Grace Ison has been elected Governor, serving over 100 schools in PA.

Emma Galiardi has been elected Lieutenant Governor of Division 6, serving 5 schools in PA.

Club/Individual Awards presented to RHS at Pennsylvania District Convention include:

- **Key Club with the most hours in Pennsylvania serving 5,322 hours**
- **Distinguished Key Club** This award is selected based on overall performance
- **1st Place Single Service Award** for the junior high dance "The Gingerbread Gala"
- **The Bob Bagans Unsung Hero Award: Molly McCague**
- **3rd place Oratorical Contest: Victoria Zerbach**
- **Recruitment Membership Poster Honorable Mention: Frankie Principe**

FIRST ANNUAL "KIND SPORTSMANSHIP" AWARD

Congratulations to Riverview Senior Athlete, Bella Scassera, on being chosen to receive the first annual "Kind Sportsmanship" Award. Bella, nominated by her volleyball coach was chosen by the PIAA office. She was recognized at half-time of the boys PIAA 4-A Championship Game in Hershey last month. Bella will receive a commemorative championship ring from the PIAA and a plaque to be displayed at Riverview High School. The Riverview Athletic Department and School District could not be more proud of Bella for all of her academic and athletic accomplishments throughout her time at Riverview. Congratulations Bella!



JSHS Students Over 1500 Hours of Community Service

- Oakmont Library
- The Salvation Army
- Tutoring
- Wildlife Center
- Petland
- Christmas Basket Food Drive
- Local Church activities
- Riverside Park (skating rink)
- Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center
- Lion's Club
- Verona VFD
- Oakmont's Historical Society
- Homeless Ministry
- Local Animal Shelters
- VA Bingo

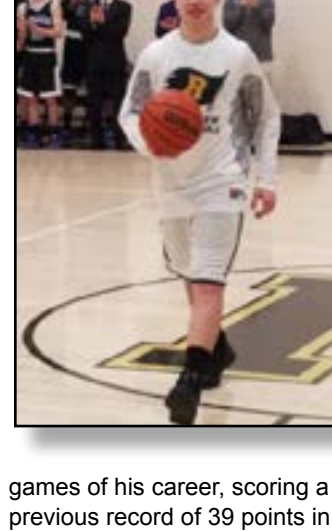
- Community Services (raking leaves)
- St. James Food Bank
- St. Irenaeus (baking cookies for elderly)
- Oakmont Presbyterian Church
- The Blessing Board
- Oakmont Mystery Walk
- Halloween Parade
- Cochlear event
- Staff Appreciation Breakfast
- Cards/stockings for troops
- Light-up night
- Toys for Tots
- Dance-a-Thon
- Building parade floats



Now this is SERIOUS SUCCESS!

Congratulations Nico Sero!

Riverview Mens' Basketball All-Time Career Points Leader



The final three games for the Riverview Men's Basketball team proved to be an exciting and historic finish to the season. Senior stand out guard Nico Sero cemented himself as one of the best and most accomplished players in Riverview's history. In a section win against rival Springdale, Nico surpassed Ben Erdeljac as the Riverview Mens' Basketball all-time career points leader. The old record of 1,317 points was eclipsed early in the second quarter, as the Raiders battled on to a thrilling victory.

During the Raiders home finale and senior night, Nico broke another record and left his mark on the basketball program. In a tough loss to non-section opponent St. Joseph's High School, Nico played one of his best games of his career, scoring a single game record 42 points. Nico shared the previous record of 39 points in a game, with 2012 graduate, Corey Bickert. Those 42 points vaulted Nico to the new career points total of 1,414.

The Riverview School District would like to congratulate Nico for all of his hard work and accomplishments and thank him for his dedication to the basketball program.

Champions of Wellness Art Winners

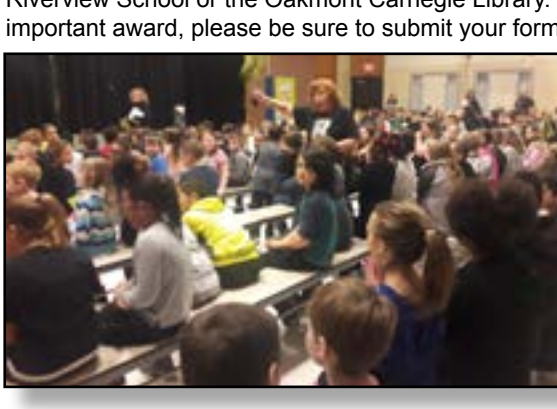
Congratulations to Riverview students Kaylee Kallenbach, Nora Weitzel, Sydney Reyes and Mia Miguez for their recent selection to represent Riverview's artistic talents in the Allegheny Intermediate Unit's upcoming Champions of Wellness Celebration. The AIU's annual invitation for art showcases art work from all grade levels throughout the 42 school districts served by the AIU.

First Annual "IMPACT Award" Campaign

The Riverview School District is pleased to announce its first annual "IMPACT Award" campaign. The IMPACT campaign has been established to assist us with recognizing those individuals who make a positive difference in the lives of our students. Three standout individuals will be celebrated at the Impact Award ceremony on June 2, 2017.

Impact Award Nominees should be people in the community who support Riverview School District students, either directly or indirectly, in ways both large and small, that may often go unnoticed. We see these fine individuals as unsung heroes to our students and we want to recognize and acknowledge them for their efforts. IMPACT Award nominees are individuals who offer their time and/or talents to support our students to make a real difference in their lives both now and in the future. Nominees may include, but are not limited to, teachers, parents, coaches, crossing guards, community members, volunteers, business owners, and contribute to the Riverview School District SERIOUS SUCCESS.

To nominate a person who has made a positive difference in the life of one or more of our students, please complete an IMPACT Award Nomination Form. Forms can also be obtained by visiting or calling any Riverview School or the Oakmont Carnegie Library. To make sure your nominee is considered for this important award, please be sure to submit your form by May 1st, 2017.



Verner Holds Awards Assembly

Principal, Mrs. Mary Ann Plance helps get the students ready to celebrate at the March Honors/Awards Assembly and PSSA Pep Rally. Students were recognized for their good grades, positive behavior and perfect attendance during the ceremony. Students in grades 2-6 were also awarded as Homeroom "Student of the Nine Weeks". The assembly concluded with a skit by the sixth graders about getting children motivated and excited to show how much they have learned this year.

TENTH STREET FIRST LITERACY NIGHT

Tenth Street Elementary teachers and staff led by Principal David Zolkowski hosted their First Literacy Night. The exciting night of literacy events engaged students and their families while drawing in the importance of reading.

Literacy night activities included Literacy Games, Literacy Basket Raffles, Book Swap, Human Spelling, Guest Readers, and the Oakmont Carnegie Library. Local storyteller Dr. Sherry duPont filled the music room with large audiences in her story-telling sessions and visiting author Melanie Atmore shared her most recent book From a Butterfly's Eye in the Tenth Street Library.

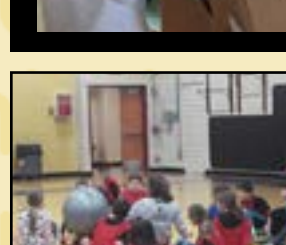
The staff, teachers, and students play a significant role in Riverview School District's SERIOUS SUCCESS.

FORBES ROAD CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER - NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

In March, Forbes Road Career and Technology Center held their National Technical Honors Society Induction Ceremony. Four Riverview students made membership in this prestigious event: Junior-Frank Principe, Seniors- Ken Bateman, Bailey Demko and David Smith. Students earned this recognition as a result of maintaining a high level of academic achievement and exhibiting outstanding character, leadership and service. Congratulations to these fine Riverview students for their SERIOUS SUCCESS.

Verner Elementary Wins BE THERE Grant

Verner Elementary School wins BE THERE Grant from United Way to support students at improving daily attendance rates and decreasing tardiness to school! Verner's BE THERE CHALLENGE, recognized students daily, weekly, and monthly from January 17th through March 23rd for coming to school ON-TIME and EVERY DAY. Extra support was provided to students who are missing and/or are tardy to school more than 10% of school days per year. Students who attended school every day from January 17th—March 23rd received a fabulous "BLACK LIGHT PARTY" including pizza, glow-in-the dark plates, music and dancing! Verner teachers and staff encouraged students to BE THERE EVERY DAY!



Tenth Street Positive Behavior

Students at Tenth Street Elementary School cheered on as their fellow classmates got a chance to show their athletic abilities during their SWPBIS incentive program. The celebration was held to acknowledge positive behavior exhibited by students in the school cafeteria. As part of the school's program, students practice "Being Ready, Being Respectful and Being Responsible". When students displayed good behavior during lunch, their names were put on a star and placed on a rainbow poster in the lunchroom. The students who earned stars were invited to participate in a fun afternoon where they participated in games such as Kindergarten Three-legged Races, First Grade Tag, Second Grade Scooter Soccer, Third Grade Team Handball, Fourth Grade Hockey, Fifth Grade Soccer and Sixth Grade Basketball. This fun and rewarding incentive program was put together by the Tenth Street SWPBIS Team. SWPBIS (School-wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) is a system teachers use to encourage positive decision-making by the students.



66 RIVERVIEW STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL NATIONAL HISTORY DAY

On Sunday, March 5, 66 students represented Riverview High School at the annual National History Day Pittsburgh Regional Competition at the Senator John Heinz Regional History Center. Students in ninth and tenth grade honors history courses participated in the National History Day competition and chose to compete in one of five categories (exhibits, website creation, documentary, performance, or historical papers). Students could also choose to work in a group or as an individual to create projects that focused on a chosen theme. This year, the theme for the national contest was "Taking a Stand in History." Riverview students represented themselves very well at the competition with judges providing constructive and complimentary feedback to students on many of their final projects. At the awards assembly, 7 teams of students from Riverview (18 total students) won awards at the competition and will be advancing to the State Finals to be held at Carlisle Area High School on May 12-13, 2017. Students winning awards at the competition included:

- 1st Place:** Victoria Zerbach, Maya Watters and Maura Hill for their Senior Group Website entitled "Special Operations Executive: Heroes Undercover"
- 1st Place:** Jack Harden, Nicholas O'Toole and Ian Burton for their Senior Group Documentary entitled "Silencing Students: Dissension, Democracy, and Death at Tiananmen Square"
- 1st Place:** Gillian Gaynor and Marina Pietz for their Senior Group Exhibit entitled "How the Horrors of Hate Led to the Evolution of Horns"
- 2nd Place:** Celaine Ethenics, Summer Girson, Megan Dell for their Senior Group Documentary entitled "No More 'Steel'ing Our Rights: The Homestead Strike of 1892"
- 2nd Place:** Grace Ison, Leah Ford and Rachel Aber for their Senior Group Performance entitled "The Low-ell Mill Girls: Taking a Stand Against Unjust Working Conditions and Igniting a Revolution"
- 2nd Place:** Ethan Snyder, Christoph Hudack and Luke Spinola for their Senior Group Website entitled "American Penal Reform: Opposing and Ameliorating the Malpractice Known as American Jailings"
- 3rd Place:** Jocelyn Messia for her Senior Historical Paper entitled "Clara Zetkin: The Road to Gaining Rights" Congratulations to all participants for this SERIOUS SUCCESS!

For more details, please visit our website at www.rsd.k12.pa.us

Dates to Remember

- Spring Break - April 13th-17th
- Side By Side Concert - April 26th 7:00PM
- TSPTO Dance Recital - May 6th 4-10PM
- Elementary/RHS Chorus Concert - May 9th 7:00PM
- HS Prom Promenade - May 13th
- Elementary Band/Orchestra Concert - May 16th 7:00PM

- 8th Grade American Legion Award - May 19th 9:20AM
- Academic Awards Night - May 23rd 6:30PM
- RHS Jazz Band Concert - May 25th 7:30PM
- HS Graduation - June 1st 7:00PM
- Last Day for Students 1/2 Day - June 2nd
- IMPACT Award Campaign - June 2nd