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## Student Spotlight

### NPSD Odyssey of the Mind Teams Perform Well at States And Qualify for World Competition

The North Penn School District is excited to announce that two student teams competed at the Pennsylvania State Odyssey of the Mind Competition on April 10, 2010 and qualified for the World competition!

The Penn Dale Middle School team received first place with their problem, *Return to the Gift of Flight*. The Bridle Path Elementary School team placed second with their problem, *Food Court*. To read the problem synopsis for both teams, please [click here](#).

In addition to receiving first place for their problem, the Penn Dale Middle School team was also awarded the Ranatra Fusca Creativity Award for outstanding creativity. Out of the entire state tournament, only three such honors were given. It was such a proud moment for this team. The Ranatra Fusca Creativity Award represents the essence of the Odyssey of the Mind. It is presented to teams or individuals who exhibit exceptional creativity, either through some aspect of their problem solution, or an extraordinary idea beyond the problem solution. A successful problem solution is not a criterion for winning the award; rather, the award is a way to acknowledge and encourage creative thinking and risk-taking.

These performances have qualified both teams to compete in the World Competition held at Michigan State University in May. The students and parent coaches are thrilled to be a part of this exciting opportunity.

Congratulations to all students, parents and coaches involved in this successful competition. The North Penn School District wishes them the best of luck at the World competitions. For more information about Odyssey of the Mind, please take a minute to read through a fact sheet by [clicking here](#).

For a full slideshow of photos, [click here](#).

### KYW Newsradio Awards Scholarship to NPHS Senior

Congratulations to North Penn High School senior **Shayne Dwyer**, who was recently awarded with the KYW Newsradio Richard Monetti Scholarship. Dwyer, one of the 171 students to graduate from KYW Newsradio's 2010 Newstudies program, received a \$2,000 college scholarship. The award was announced at the Newstudies Graduation ceremony on April 6<sup>th</sup> at The Franklin Institute.

The Richard Monetti Scholarship is awarded every year to the Newstudies student who demonstrates the most potential and enthusiasm throughout the six-week student reporter program. The scholarship is named for Richard Monetti, a 1986 Newstudies graduate who was killed in the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, in 1988. Richard's parents, Bob and Eileen Monetti were on hand to announce the winner of the 2010 Monetti Scholarship.

KYW Newsradio 1060 has given high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to learn the inner workings of a major market radio and TV station through this program for nearly four decades. On six consecutive Saturdays beginning in February, students from high schools throughout the Philadelphia region come to KYW to learn news writing, reporting, ethics and interviewing skills from station managers, editors, reporters, anchors. This year, students were also treated to guest speakers from CBS3, WIP-AM and Comcast.net.

### NPHS Student Receives 2010 Won Community Service Center Scholarship

The North Penn School District is pleased to announce that North Penn High School senior **Megan Hughes** has been selected as one of four awardees of the 2010 Won Community Service Center Scholarship. Hughes was selected based on excellent academic work, interviewing skills, extracurricular achievements and excellent volunteer service to the community.

Hughes will be honored at a special musical event and awards ceremony scheduled for Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at Won Buddhist Temple, located at 423 Abington Avenue in Glenside, PA. Here, award recipients will be photographed and will receive an award of \$500.

### NPHS Students Receive High Honors at Delaware Valley Science Fair

Congratulations to the following North Penn High School students who recently participated in the tri-state Delaware Valley Science Fair on April 6-8, 2010 as part of the STARS (Science, Technology and Research) club.

NPHS senior **Jason Mineweaser** received an Honorable Mention in Senior Engineering for his presentation of *Implementing Ag+ Into Polyvinyl Nanofibers for Antibacterial Purposes*. NPHS Sophomore **Ishaan Nerurkar** placed second in sophomore mathematics for *Proof of Infinite Solutions for Pell's Equation*.

### NPHS FBLA Students Perform Well at Regional and State Competitions

Congratulations to the following North Penn High School students who placed in their events at the Regional Competition and qualified to represent the North Penn School District at the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) State Leadership Conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania from April 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>:

**David Barkley** - Accounting 1  
**Perez Cho** - Database Design and Applications  
**Matthew Corrado** - Accounting 1

**Jeremy Boco** - Membership Incentive  
**Faris Chughthai** - Business Calculations  
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A NPSD student poses for the 2009-2010 calendar picture, "Framing the Future." Check out the calendar for other great photos.

#### Respect Quotes:

"Never take a person's dignity; it is worth everything to them, and nothing to you."  
**Frank Barron**

**Brian Kissig** - Digital Video Production  
**Kyu Lee** - Spreadsheet Applications  
**Gary Li** - Introduction to Technology Concepts  
**Bob Ni** - Business Math  
**Julian Pei** - Personal Finance  
**Rama Ramakrishnan** - Computer Problem Solving  
**Steven Rodriguez** - Region President  
**Tianyu Shi** - Business Law  
**Brittany Yang** - Word Processing 2

**Brandon Koehler** – Intro. to Business Comm.  
**Andrew Lee** - Computer Applications  
**Wes Newcomer** - Introduction to Business  
**Dharmesh Patel** - State Officer Candidate  
**Vidya Punati** - Word Processing 1  
**Megan Ro** - Word Processing 2  
**Brandon Rosenthal** - Accounting 2  
**Connor Smith** - Business Procedures  
**Sean Yuan** - Accounting 2

The North Penn School District is excited to announce that the followings students placed in their events at State Leadership Conference Competition:

**Megan Ro** - 1st Place in Word Processing 2  
**Brian Kissig** - 4th Place in Digital Video Production  
**Bobby Ni** - 6th Place in Business Math and 3rd Place in HTML (an open competition)  
**Brittany Yang** - 10th Place in Word Processing 2  
**Wesley Newcomer** - 10th Place in Introduction to Business and 10th Place in Current Events (an open competition)

In addition to these honors at the state competitions, **Dharmesh Patel** was elected State Treasurer for the Pennsylvania FBLA.

Ro and Patel now qualify to represent North Penn at the FBLA National Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tennessee this summer.

The North Penn FBLA is advised by North Penn High School Business Administration and Technology Department teachers, **Linda Westerlund** and **Ken McLarnon**.

### **NPHS Students Receive High Marks on National Latin Exam**

North Penn High School students performed well at the National Latin Exam 2010. This exam, sponsored by the American Classical League, is administered annually to approximately 140,000 students in high schools and colleges across the United States, as well as in many other countries. The exam is recognized as a benchmark of successful study of the Latin language and classical culture.

All of the North Penn High School Latin scholars deserve warm commendations for their effort, participation and performance. Special awards consisting of parchment certificates and medals for high achievement go to the students listed below:

#### **Gold Summa Cum Laude**

**Julia Ma** ('10)\*  
**Daniel DeFelippis** ('11)  
**Hayley Reed** ('11)\*\*  
**Sarah Simon** ('11)  
**Ji Jung** ('12)  
**Marlee Milkis** ('12)  
**Bob Ni** ('12)  
**Eileen Park** ('12)

#### **Magna Cum Laude**

**Scott Dubree** ('10)  
**Emily Buehler** ('12)  
**Michelle Cha** ('12)  
**Eric Goldstein** ('12)  
**Colin Huber** ('12)  
**Saundria Moed** ('12)  
**Shreya Patel** ('12)

#### **Cum Laude**

**Stephanie Kim** ('10)  
**Priyanka Patel** ('11)  
**Bobby Dougherty** ('12)  
**Amy Driscoll** ('12)  
**Micheil Finley** ('12)  
**Dan Gross** ('12)  
**Stephanie Hong** ('12)  
**Meghan McGovern** ('12)  
**Sarah Parrotte** ('12)  
**Aaron Peng** ('12)  
**Vidya Punati** ('12)  
**Matt Shaw** ('12)  
**Val Stearns** ('12)  
**Susan Tabassum** ('12)

\* Three-time Gold winner and highest overall school score all of high school

\*\*Two-time Silver winner

NPHS Latin teacher **Jonathon Rockey** extends his gratitude to the students, their parents, their middle school Latin teachers and to his colleagues for their gracious support.

### **NPHS Boys Swimming and Diving Team Celebrate Team and Individual Accomplishments**

Congratulations to the 2009-2010 North Penn High School Boys' Swimming and Diving team on a fantastic season, filled with both team and individual achievements. As a team, the boys placed first in the Continental Conference, second in the District One Championship and 15<sup>th</sup> in the PIAA Championship.

The following ten members of the team competed in the PIAA Championship at Bucknell University on March 17<sup>th</sup> and March 18<sup>th</sup>. Honors and awards for each of these individuals are also noted.

**Nathan Chesmar** (Senior) – All League, All District, Hon. Mention All State and Consideration for All America recognition; Academic All America; and Coach's Award recipient, which is given to a swimmer or diver that most exemplifies the ideals of North Penn Swimming and Diving. This individual is an outstanding athlete and young man.

**Jack Else** (Senior) – Team co-captain; Outstanding Swimmer Award recipient; All League, All District, Honorable Mention All State and consideration for All America recognition.

**Craig Hennessey** (Senior) – All League, All District, Honorable Mention All State and Consideration for All America recognition.

**Michael Kohler** (Senior) – All District, Honorable Mention All State recognition; and Matthew Walsh Award recipient, which is given to a team member who provided inspiration and motivation to the North Penn Swim Team by overcoming adversity while exemplifying a competitive spirit through courage, strength, and determination.

**Sean McDonald** (Senior) – Team co-captain; All League, All District and Consideration for All America recognition; Academic All America; and Bartle Award recipient, which recognizes a senior swimmer that shows the greatest improvement over his swimming career.

**Frankie Murray** (Senior) – All League, All district and All State recognition; and Team MVP.

**Peter Kolokithias** (Junior) – All League, All District, Honorable Mention All State and Consideration for All America recognition.

**Jacob Sisko** (Junior) – All League, All District, Honorable Mention All State and Consideration for All America recognition.

**Jason Deana** (Sophomore) – All League, All District, Honorable Mention All State and Consideration for All America recognition.

**Tomas Gimenez** (Sophomore) – All League, All District, Honorable Mention All State and Consideration for All America recognition.

The North Penn School District is very proud of the teams' accomplishments, both in athletics and in academics. The district would also like to acknowledge NPHS Swimming and Diving Coach **Brian Daly** for his guidance, dedication and commitment to the team this season.

### **NPHS Model Aviation Club Sells Make Magazine Subscriptions**

As a fundraising effort, the North Penn High School Model Aviation Club is selling [MAKE magazine](#) yearly subscriptions for just \$34.95. The club will receive 50% of the proceeds from this project. MAKE brings the do-it-yourself mindset to all the technology in your life. MAKE is loaded with exciting projects that help you make the most of your technology at home and away from home. The magazine is the perfect gift for the home tinkerer, late night bedside reader or garage/basement engineer.

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