



## THE EWING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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### For Immediate Release

#### The Ewing Public Schools BOE Briefs: May 21st, 2018 Meeting

The Ewing Township Board of Education held its monthly meeting in the Ewing High School auditorium on Monday, May 21st, 2018.

Ewing High School student ambassadors to the Board of Education, Keri Capstack and Serina Montero, updated the Board and public on events and activities at Ewing High School.

For his Superintendent's Report, Chief School Administrator Michael Nitti thanked the EHS staff for all their work on behalf of the school's students, and then introduced Principal Edward Chmiel, who overviewed student achievements and accomplishments over the past school year.

The following students were honored for outstanding performance on the **SAT** as well as other notable accomplishments:

Senior **Noah Castor** scored a 700 on the Reading section and 740 on the Math section of the SAT. Noah was a First Team All-Delaware Valley Linebacker for the football team and the Maxwell Club Scholar Athlete of the Year. Noah will play football and study engineering at Carnegie Mellon in the fall.

Senior **Nicholas Marsola** is a talented musician who is a member of the marching and concert bands. Nicholas scored 730 on the Reading section and a 750 on the Math section of the SAT and will be attending The College of New Jersey this fall.

Senior **Fei Yu** scored an 800 on the Math section of the SAT. Fei came to Ewing High School from China last school year. He is a mid-year grad and plans to attend college in the United States to study business or economics. He was instrumental in organizing the Model United Nations (MUN) Club at EHS. He likes world and current events and to delve into the realities plaguing nations across the globe.

Senior **Natalie Houghton** scored a 700 on the English section of the SAT. Natalie performed with the orchestra, served as captain of the tennis team and volunteered during her tenure at Ewing High. She will study occupational therapy at St. Louis University.

Senior **Alicja Quirus** is a member of Odyssey of the Mind and has been involved with the marching and concert bands at Ewing High. Alicja scored a 710 on the English section of the SAT and will be attending The College of New Jersey.

Senior **Shahryar Kamran** scored a 730 on the Math section of the SAT. He has been an active part of the Drama Club and participated in our spring musicals. Shahryar intends to study medicine at Rutgers University.

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Sophomore **Kyla Pischel** scored a 720 on the Math section of the SAT. Kyla runs track in both winter and spring and has been a varsity member of the soccer team for two years. She has also been involved with the orchestra and a variety of clubs at EHS. Kyla will be a junior in the fall.

Junior **Devon Kueny** scored a 710 on the Math section of the SAT and will be a senior at EHS in the fall. Devon is an outstanding student-athlete who is also a standout on the softball team and an excellent wrestler.

The following students were recognized by Senator Shirley Turner and the Trentonian as among Mercer County's top students:

**Tia Outlaw** - Tia is a member of the band and tennis programs. She is the EHS National Honor Society President and a member of the Princeton University Preparatory Program. Tia is planning to study Biology at Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts and hopes to be a chiropractor one day.

**Wayne Staub** - Wayne is an outstanding wrestler who was the captain of the team and a county champion. Wayne has a 3.8 GPA and scored 1330 on his SATs. Wayne is a member of the National Honor Society and serves as a Ewing High Peer Leader. Wayne will be attending Texas A&M University majoring in Political Science. Wayne also plans on joining the ROTC and is hoping to get commissioned in the United States Marines.

**Immanuel Medina** - Immanuel is a hurdler on the track team and a Ewing High Peer Leader. Immanuel works four days a week at Bed, Bath and Beyond while maintaining a 3.99 and scoring 1310 on the SAT. He will be attending Mercer County Community College in the fall and plans to transfer to the New Jersey Institute of Technology for mechanical engineering.

Outstanding individual athletic accomplishments by EHS seniors:

Senior football player **Matthew Hunkele** was selected First Team All-Delaware Valley kicker. Matthew was also honored as the Delaware Valley 12<sup>th</sup> Man Club Special Teams' Player of the Week. Matthew will continue his football career at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Senior field hockey goalie **Kendall Bartkowski** recorded 100 saves this season. Kendall is also a former softball player, a lacrosse player and a member of the Key Club. Kendall will be attending Mercer County Community College this fall and plans to transfer to The College of New Jersey in the spring semester. Kendall will be majoring in Elementary Education and hopes to return to Ewing to teach.

Senior soccer player **Mary Bystrycki** was selected Second Team All-CVC. Mary will continue her soccer career at Kean University this fall.

Senior soccer player **Jamie Ervin** was selected to play in the Mercer 33 Tournament. Jamie was also an All-CVC selection. Jamie will continue her soccer career at Kean University this fall.

Senior **Mya Grimes** finished her outstanding basketball career with 1,555 points. Mya was selected by NJ.com for the All-State First Team All-Group 3 Team, the Times of Trenton and Trentonian First Team All-Area, All-CVC, and Player of the Year. Mya has been invited to play in the North South All-Star Game and is a Mercer County CYO All-Star. Mya will be continuing her basketball career at High Point University.

Senior girls basketball player **Kiyla Peterson** finished her outstanding career with 1,111 points. She was recognized as All-CVC and Second Team All-Area by the Trentonian. Kiyla will be attending The College of New Jersey in the fall.

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Senior wrestler **Lavinsky Collins** finished with 122 career wins (*a program and school record*), 40 wins this season (*program record*), 25 wins his freshmen year (*freshmen record*), is a two time Mercer County Champion, and District Champion. Lavinsky finished fourth place at the NJSIAA State Championships and was recognized as Wrestler of the Year. Lavinsky is headed to Clarion University.

Senior swimmer **Caleb Bergstrom** placed third in the Mercer County Tournament in the 100 fly and seventh in the 200 free. Caleb was named All-CVC for 100 Butterfly by the Times of Trenton. Caleb holds multiple school records and will be bringing that talent with him to the University of Iowa.

Senior **A'irriion Scott** is one of the best track athletes in state of New Jersey, qualifying for the Meet of Champions and finishing fourth in the state in the high jump. A'irriion will be attending Rowan University.

**Cole McKeon** is a standout baseball player for the Blue Devils who was honored by NJ Advance Media as the Colonial Valley Conference Player of the Week. Cole is known for his school spirit and solid citizenship and will be studying accounting at West Chester University come fall.

Now to recognize some of EHS athletic teams that won titles:

EHS boys basketball team won the Patriot Division of the Colonial Valley Conference.

Senior **Shemar Robinson** was an All-CVC selection, finished his career with 1,000 points and an All-Star Game selection.

Senior **Keyshawn Preston** was an All-Star Game selection as well.

Coach Shelly Dearden earned her 500<sup>th</sup> boys basketball career win.

EHS Boys Basketball team members are:

**Kameron Clark, Delvon Doggett, Dahvae' Edwards-Chew, Obi Ezeigbo, Donte Gentry, Brandon Hadden, DiAndre Littlepage, Miles Reed, Isaiah Sparks, Caleb Stokes, Craig Wrenn**

**Managers: John Bangs Brown, Yuri Youngblood Score Keepers: Soumaya Benkhokha & Aiyana Celestin**

EHS girls basketball team won the Patriot Division, the Central Jersey Group 3 Section Championship and played in the state championship.

Mya and Kyla were previous recognized, but other achievements include:

Junior **Jaycee Lowe** was selected by the Times of Trenton First Team All-Area and All-CVC. NJ.com selected Jaycee Second Team All-Group 3. The Trentonian had selected Jaycee Second Team All- CVC and Third Team All-Area.

Junior **MyAsia Jackson** was also a Second Team All-CVC and Third Team All-Area selection by the Trentonian.

EHS Girls Basketball team members are:

**Jayda Britton, Tyquazya Davis, Chantell Gillette, Aaliyah Lewis, Asianna Merrill, Kiyann Peterson, Jentle Sheridan, Tamia Warner, MaChaya Williams-Traylor**

EHS bowling team had a very successful season, coached by Mr. Angebrandt.

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The boys bowling team won the Liberty Division. The girls bowling team won the Burlington County Open.

The EHS Bowling Team members are:

**Kyle Briggs, Nolan Brodsky, Mike Franks, Justin Macellaro, Jimmy McSweeney, Chase Springett**

**Amelia Baffuto, Kayla Ricketts, Korin Ricketts, Olivia Ross, Jazmyn Willis**

Below are outstanding athletic accomplishments by underclassmen:

In football, junior football player **Caleb Stokes** was selected as First Team All-Delaware Valley Defensive Back.

Junior wrestler **Chris Seifert** was a Mercer County Champion and placed second in the District Wrestling Tournament.

Junior diver **Andrew Ashton** placed fifth place in the Mercer County Diving Tournament.

Off the fields and the courts other EHS teams competed in the academic arenas.

The Ewing High School Odyssey of the Mind team qualified and competed in the State tournament held at EHS in April.

Odyssey of the Mind team members are **Lyric Ames, Zachary Benedetti, Yamir Chapman, Sonia Kilcoyne, Hannah Washington, Nia Whaley.**

The Ewing High School's outstanding Robotics team, the Mighty Monkey Wrenches, won the Mid-Atlantic District Championship and qualified for the world championships in Detroit. Students worked long hours, often five days a week, to organize for, design, construct, and manipulate a robot to compete in district and regional competitions.

Congratulations to Team Mighty Monkey Wrenches: **Harold Araya, Tuguldur Bayarerdene, Dane Capogna, Marcus Christensen, Sterly Deracy, Jacob Elam, Taniya Fowler, Michelle Frolio, Anthony Gachetti, Angelo Gonzalez, Adriel Hearn, Justin Hughes, Matthew Hughes, Jeremiah James, Noelle Kirchhoff, Sydney Lynn, Rachel Mason, David Monard, Michael Montagna, Richie Nguyen, Nyziah Noun-Johnson, Michael Riehl, Melissa Schmierer, Catherine Strubel, Troy Trombly, Nicholas Vellenga, Sianni Walker, Tsi'Ani Washington.**

Mr. Perricone's International Business Practice Firm II class recently won GOLD at the International Trade Exhibition in New York City. The Trade Show booth competition allows companies to highlight their product(s) and/or service(s) and to increase sales. The New York City International Trade Exhibition brought together more than 200 exhibitors representing thirteen states and nine countries. To prepare for the competition students create, implement and operate their simulated business in their classroom through the school year.

Students who represented EHS at the International Trade Exhibition are **Mehran Ahmed, Joseph Gachetti, Cruz Lantigua, Volodymyr Machevus, Christian Roman-Deveney and Katarzyna Zajdel.**

The Board then moved into the "**Superintendent Recommendations**" section of the Agenda. Some items of note:

### Curriculum and Instruction

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The Board approved the ESL English I through English IV for Grades 9 - 12 Curriculum Guide for use at the Ewing High School.

The Board approved the annual District Professional Development Plan and District Mentoring Plan.

The Board approved the annual agreement with the Mercer Council on Alcoholism and Drug Addiction, a relationship that allows the district to provide the state grant-funded ASSYST Program at Ewing High School.

### **Personnel Section:**

#### **Pedersen Takes Over as EHS Girls Soccer Coach**

The Board of Education approved Shannon Pedersen as the new varsity girls' soccer coach at Ewing High School. Pedersen, a math teacher for the Ewing Schools for three years who has been at the high school since 2016 brings a strong soccer background and considerable experience to her new position. Pederson was a standout scholastic soccer player who went on to star at Kean University, captaining the Cougars as they won the ECAC championship in 2012 and 2013. While at Kean, Pedersen was named to the NJAC All-Conference squad, as the Stevens Engineering Cup Defensive MVP, and as the Most Outstanding Player of the ECAC Tournament. Pedersen has served as the Junior Varsity coach for the Blue Devils the past two seasons, and previously coached at Fisher Middle School.

"Shannon has a strong skillset and a passion for scholastic soccer," Athletic Director Bud Kowal stated. "We are excited to see her work with our student-athletes."

**The following regulation was approved by the Board as "Second Reading" and is now formal Board policy:**

Regulation R2464 Gifted & Talented Students

The next meeting of the Ewing Township Board of Education is on Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in the Fisher Middle School media center.