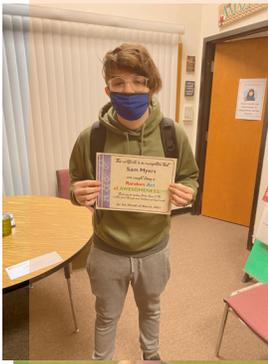


Celebrating Our Success... 2021



- ◆ District staff executed a preK-12 academic learning environment that included virtual education and in-person learning.
- ◆ Allegheny Valley was awarded over \$1,659,000 in various grants throughout the school year. Grants covered costs stemming from the pandemic and supported food service, safety, and technology.
- ◆ Springdale Jr-Sr High School earned high National and metro-area rankings in 2021 Best High Schools by earning a national ranking in the top 40% in the U.S. News Best High School awards.
- ◆ Acmetonia Elementary School was accepted into the Amazon Future Engineer program in partnership with Project STEM. The program is intended to support students and the school in the expansion of its computer science program.
- ◆ Allegheny Valley became a Kindness Certified School District. Presented by The Great Kindness Challenge, the certification honors school districts for their positive and proactive approach to improving school climate and increasing student engagement.
- ◆ One 9th grade student and one 8th grade student earned 1st place rankings on their science projects at the State Level of the Pennsylvania Jr. Academy of Science.
- ◆ A group of three seniors were named as the SHS Stock Market Game Spring Champions placing 18th out of 266 Teams in Western Pennsylvania.
- ◆ Two 10th grade students won Bronze Awards for their Distinguished Achievement on the 2021 Level 2 National German Exam.
- ◆ One 10th grader won 2nd Place in German Prose Writing at the 2021 Three Rivers German Day Competition.
- ◆ One senior and one junior were recognized by Slippery Rock University for their Instagram Art Contest entries.
- ◆ One senior student won a Gold Key and an Honorable Mention at the Scholastic Art Show. Her Gold Key painting, *The Day the Music Died*, went on to the national competition.
- ◆ One 10th grade student won a highly competitive summer apprenticeship with CMU affiliate Simcoach Games. An intense program, students are able to work with a team of peers to: playtest video games, run playtest sessions, learn about software development and game development pipelines, design games as solutions, develop promotional strategies, and create and make presentations.
- ◆ One 8th grade student won a 3rd place award in the art category for the Waldman International Arts & Writing Competition. The theme for the 2020-21 contest was “Resilience,” and the student was inspired by Holocaust survivor, Eva Schloss. After World War II ended, Eva became the step daughter of Otto Frank - the father of Anne Frank.
- ◆ One Sophomore student was accepted into the Allegheny Intermediate Unit’s Apprenticeship Program for Zoo Animal Care. She spent four Saturdays in the spring learning about zoo animal care, the responsibilities of a zoo veterinarian, and the role of keepers.
- ◆ One senior was among 33 students inducted into the National Technical Honor Society for Heating/ Ventilation/Air Conditioning (HVAC).



◆ One 5th grade student was one of approximately 120 students from area school districts to compete in the AIU 5th-6th CalcuSolve. The problems were challenging to read and required problem solving skills to answer.

◆ One 8th grade student won 1st Place in the Eastern Suburbs Special Program Association (ESSPA) Middle School Public Speaking competition. Students had to conduct research on a topic and record themselves giving a four minute informational speech.

◆ One Sophomore student was nominated for a Gene Kelly Award in the Best Actress Category for her portrayal of Miss Hannigan in Springdale Jr-Sr High School's production of *Annie*.

◆ The District honored three high school seniors as 2021 Future Famers. The Future Famers program recognizes current students, at any grade level, who consistently demonstrate an outstanding commitment to improve the District through school and community involvement, entrepreneurship, and/or scholastic achievement.

◆ One Springdale Jr-Sr High School student was selected for PMEA District 1 Chorus and Regional Chorus.

◆ Two Springdale Jr-Sr High School students participated in the PMEA Honors Band Festival, auditioning against students from approximately 45 other school districts for selection into the Festival. In addition, four SHS students attended the PMEA District 1 Band Festival. These students had the opportunity to audition for the Regional Band Festival; one student was selected for the Regional Band. That same student continued through the process and was chosen for the state concert band and performed with the best high school musicians across the commonwealth.

◆ One Springdale Jr-Sr High School student placed 1st among the trumpets at the PMEA District 1 Orchestra Festival and moved on to represent the District at the PMEA Regional Orchestra Festival.

◆ One student received a letter from Lin-Manuel Miranda. An American actor, singer, songwriter, producer, and playwright, Miranda created and starred in the Broadway musicals *In the Heights* and *Hamilton*. His letter showed his support for the student's interest in the arts.

◆ Ten Springdale Jr-Sr High School students were awarded Challenge Program Star Awards for: Excellent Attendance, STEM, Academic Improvement, Community Service, and Academic Excellence. Each student received a \$200 certificate.

◆ The 61 members of the Class of 2021 earned more than \$2.9 million in scholarships.

◆ Seventy-nine students in the Class of 2033 participated in this year's Kindergarten graduation event.

◆ Ninety-two students were acknowledged at the 38th Annual Honors Banquet for achieving 94% or above for the first three nine weeks of the school year. Twenty-five seniors were honored, including 14 who were recognized for Honors Achievement throughout their time at Springdale Jr-Sr High School.

◆ SHS Boys' Soccer, Girls' Soccer, Football, Boys' Basketball, Girls' Basketball, Softball teams were invited to participate in the W.P.I.A.L. playoffs.

◆ Eleven Allegheny Valley students took place in the Pittsburgh Public Theater's Shakespeare Competition.

◆ District students participated in a number of service projects, despite the unusual school year, including volunteering at the Lower Valley Food Bank and a "Souper Bowl" with Riverview High School. The SHS National Honor Society and the Acmetonia Elementary Student Council once again took part in the Lymphoma & Leukemia Society's Pasta For Pennies program; Acmetonia fourth grade participated in the Ecostudent Challenge raising \$8,362.96 for the environment, and staff members supported "Secret Santa" and holiday giving programs. The Allegheny Valley Education Association also continued their annual Dress Down Fridays, which donates funds to the Lower Valley Food Bank.

Our Mission: *The mission of the Allegheny Valley School District, a group of small traditional communities, is to educate all students to achieve their maximum potential. A dedicated staff, in partnership with school, home, and community, will empower students to become responsible and contributing citizens able to meet challenges in an international society.*