

Celebrating Our Success... 2018



◆ Allegheny Valley was awarded over \$45,000 in various grants throughout the school year. One of the largest, through the Jack Buncher Foundation, funded the Art Expressions program for the District. In addition, a Safe Schools Grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Education, was accepted for approximately \$20,000 to fund emergency equipment for the District.

◆ Allegheny Valley School District ranked 54th overall in the annual Pittsburgh Business Times' Honor Roll ranking of 103 southwestern Pennsylvania school districts. Rankings are based on PSSA and Keystone Exam scores for the past three years.

◆ Two SHS seniors were named as Commended Students through the National Merit Scholarship program. The program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. Students enter the program by taking the PSAT/NMSQT test, which serves as an initial screen of approximately 1.6 million entrants each year.

◆ Springdale Jr-Sr High School's Sea, Air, and Land Competition team placed first at Freeport High School. The team not only secured the top spot with their completely built from scratch drone, they received a perfect judges score.

◆ One senior student won a local logo contest for ABC CREATE, an incubator of curriculum and project design, creative technology, and best practices for collaboration and innovation across K-12 public education.

◆ Three Springdale Jr-Sr High School students won awards in the Waldman International Arts and Writing Competition hosted by the Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh. In the category of visual arts, the theme was "Children of the Holocaust" to be depicted through sculpture and writing.

◆ The Springdale Jr-Sr High School Boys' Soccer Team was the WPIAL Class A Runner Up. The team was also the first Springdale Boys' Soccer Team to advance to the Quarterfinal round of the PIAA tournament since it was established in 1975.

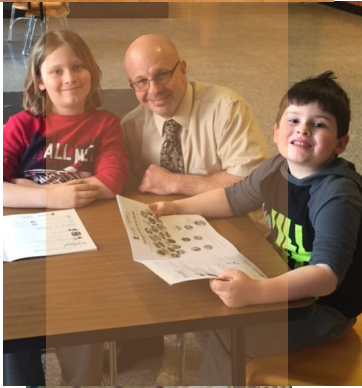
◆ One SHS student was named the female Positive Athlete of Western Pennsylvania for Track and Field. Positive Athlete America is a movement by high-character professional athletes tied to professional and collegiate sports teams to promote the benefits of "positivity" to young athletes.

◆ The 90 members of the Class of 2018 earned more than \$2.29 million in scholarships, accepting over \$1.67 million of that amount. This fact makes the class the 20th to collect over \$1 million and the 15th to garner over \$2 million dollars in scholarship money.

◆ One hundred and four students were acknowledged at the 35th Annual Honors Banquet for achieving 94% or above for the first three nine weeks of the school year. Twenty-six seniors were honored, including two who were recognized for Honors Achievement throughout their time at Springdale Jr-Sr High School.

◆ Four SHS students participated in the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science Competition. Two students competed at the State level, earning 1st ranking. In addition to the 1st ranking, one student was honored with a "Perfect Score" certificate. One student was also honored with a perseverance award documenting his four years of participation in the program.

◆ Sixty-three students in the Class of 2030 participated in this year's Kindergarten graduation events.



- ◆ Colfax Upper Elementary School students took part in the seventh annual two-day, school-wide Science Olympiad. The Olympiad enabled all students to improve STEAM skills and proficiency.
- ◆ The SHS Future City team earned two special awards at the Future City Competition for Most Energy Efficient and Best Use of Ceramics.
- ◆ Four SHS students were selected to the Alle-Kiski Valley Honors Band. Two of the young musicians were also selected to participate in the PMEA District Band Festival. One grade 8 and one grade 9 student were selected to participate at the PMEA Junior High District Orchestra Festival at Mt. Lebanon High School; two grade 9 students were also selected to represent the District in the PMEA Junior High District Band Festival.
- ◆ Three Colfax Upper Elementary students and three Springdale Jr-Sr High students were selected to the Seton Hill Youth Honors Band.
- ◆ Three students represented Springdale Jr-Sr High at the PMEA Junior High District Chorus at Seton Hill.
- ◆ One SHS student participated in the PMEA Region Choir Festival in Butler. The student was selected for the choir by auditioning at the District level.
- ◆ One SHS student won a Bronze Medal in the Level 1 National German Exam.
- ◆ One Colfax Upper Elementary student won the Omni William Penn Holiday Card Contest.
- ◆ Four Springdale Jr-Sr High School students brought home awards from the FBLA State Competition in Hershey in April. Three of the students won 2nd Place in the Digital Video Production category and qualified for the National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, CA in June.
- ◆ Six Springdale Jr-Sr High School students represented the District in this year's Congressional Art Show. One student received Honorable Mention, one received 4th Place overall, and one received 2nd Place overall.
- ◆ Two SHS students placed first in the Combat Bots Competition. They designed and built an amazing machine that never lost. The seniors brought home the Grand Champion trophy, which gives SHS back-to-back wins.
- ◆ Ten Allegheny Valley students competed at the 2018 National Academic Games Competition. One student won 4th place (Propaganda, team) in the senior division. A second student won 5th place (Propaganda, team) in the Competition. At the State Conference, these students brought home awards in Intro to Business Communication (Video, 8th Place), Broadcast Journalism (Video, 9th Place), and a 1st Place win in Digital Video Production.
- ◆ District students participated in a number of service projects during the 2017-2018 school year, including: the National Honor Society collected \$750 for the Lymphoma & Leukemia Society's Pasta For Pennies program; several groups collected donations for the Lower Valley Food Bank, including the Colfax building holding a summer collection through their Field Day; the Family and Consumer Science joined with Art students once again to coordinate the Empty Bowls project to raise funds. Allegheny Valley staff also contributed "Secret Santa" gifts for the Lower Valley Food Bank and donated to building Angel Trees. Springdale Jr-Sr High School students and staff cotriuted materials to assemble 11 bags for the Foster Love Project, while Colfax School's Student Council held numerous Special Theme Days to raise money for charity. Over the course of the school year, funds were given to numerous groups. Acmetonia students celebrated the 21st year of sponsorship for St. Jude's Hospital and raised \$1,215 in their Math-A-Thon program. The amount brings the total to over \$57,995 that Acmetonia students have donated since 1997. Staff members participated in the Jeans for Troops event and raised money for the GI Go Fund; and the Allegheny Valley Education Association (AVEA) continued their Dress Down Fridays, which generates funds for 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.*