



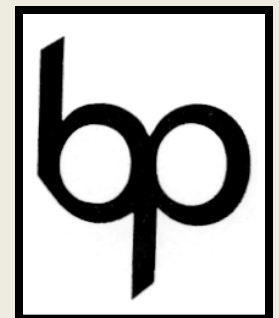
# **Bethel Park School District April 2015 Highlights**

Please enjoy reading about the  
outstanding achievements of our students  
and staff!

# 60 BPHS Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors Inducted Into National Honor Society

Students who are selected for induction must maintain a minimum 3.85 QPA, complete at least 35 hours of community service each year and demonstrate leadership and character. Inducted on April 8 were:

- **Tarush Bahl**
- **Kenneth Barnhart**
- **Maria Capozzi**
- **Erin Cavrak**
- **Abigail Collavo**
- **Carolyn Cook**
- **Kyle Coplan**
- **Julia Davin**
- **Hannah Enderby**
- **Lily Farmerie**
- **Riley Gercak**
- **Ryan Gillece**
- **Morgan Gloeckl**
- **Sam Gobbie**
- **Tessa Guarino**
- **Samantha Hall**
- **Jordan Hare**
- **Bridget Heh**
- **Jeff Hoffman**
- **Jeremy Huwe**
- **Libby Jensen**
- **Delaney Lacey**
- **Autumn Laird**
- **Ryan Lynch**
- **Nathan Makowski**
- **Courtney Manns**
- **Carlylyn Mansfield**
- **Jacob Marcovecchio**
- **Julia Massari**
- **Rachel McClaine**
- **Megan McClary**
- **John Measures**
- **Jessica Morgan**
- **Cam Nickel**
- **Alexa Patrizio**
- **Shannon Paul**
- **Ryan Pfab**
- **Christian Powell**
- **Kelsey Quinn**
- **Akhil Rajasekar**
- **Emma Ratti**
- **Michelle Raymond**
- **Rebecca Rodriguez**
- **Kaylie Sepesky**
- **Shayla Staley**
- **Hannah Tower**
- **Brendan Troesch**
- **Autumn Vaught**
- **Jessica Viehman**
- **Emily Wagner**
- **Heather Walker**
- **Jacob Wengryn**
- **Ashley Wentz**
- **Cory Wiard**
- **Maria Winzek**
- **Maggie Wolf**
- **Krista Wycinsky**
- **Kevin Yost**
- **Natalia Young**
- **Alexandria Zallo**



# BPHS Students Earn Three Awards At Science Olympiad

Six Bethel Park High School students earned two First Place and one Fourth Place Awards at the Science Olympiad, held at California University of Pennsylvania.

## FIRST PLACE

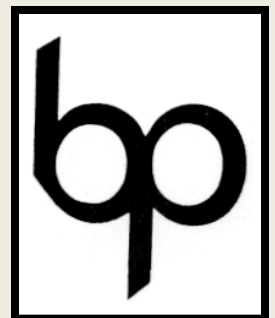
- **Kathryn Kimes** and **Casey Mack** – Bungee Drop
- **Maria Jay** and **Sean McClaine** – Dynamic Planet

## FOURTH PLACE

- **Paige Davidson** and **Grace Evans** – Wright Stuff



The students competed against students from 27 area high schools in this event which tested their science knowledge in a variety of hands-on exercises.



# Two IMS Students Earn Second Place At Science Olympiad

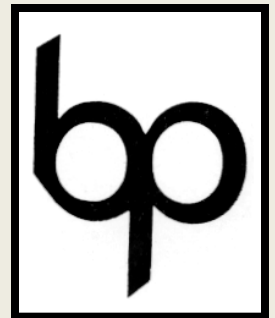


Independence Middle School eighth graders **Rachel Holt** and **Victoria Slawinski** earned a Second Place Award in the Crime Busters event at the Science Olympiad at California University of Pennsylvania.

# BPHS Students Win Awards At PRSEF

Three Bethel Park High School students won awards at the Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair at Heinz Field, where they competed against more than 1,100 students.

- **Jessica Viehman** -- \$50 Sponsor Award from the American Concrete Institute, \$50 Sponsor Award from the American Society of Civil Engineers and a \$20,000 scholarship from Point Park University's Department of Natural Sciences and Engineering for her project, "The Effects of Aggregates on Concrete Corrosion." Jessica also received the Associate Scientist Perseverance Award for her years of participation in PRSEF.
- **Jeff Hoffmann** -- \$50 Sponsor Award from PPG Industries and a \$50 Sponsor Award from the National Association of Corrosion Engineers for his project, "Evaluation of Commercial Rust Converters."
- **Jack Brownfield** -- \$50 Sponsor Award from the American Psychological Association for his project, "Analysis of Spoken and Written Persuasion."



# BPHS Students Earn Awards At FCCLA State Conference

Nine Bethel Park High School students won awards at the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America's State Competition.

## **FIRST PLACE** *(and qualifying for Nationals)*

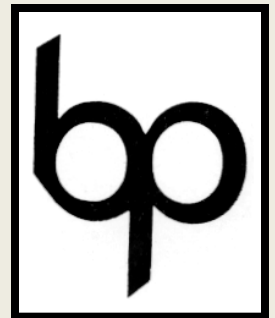
- **Hailey Hannan, Megan Mulhair and Ashley Wentz** – Focus On Children Event
- **Miles Turner** – Job Interview Event

## **SECOND PLACE**

- **Faye Greiner and MaKayla Koller** – Illustrated Talk Event

## **THIRD PLACE**

- **Abigail Beattie, Cassie Cipriani and Emily Hurey** – Life Event Planning Event

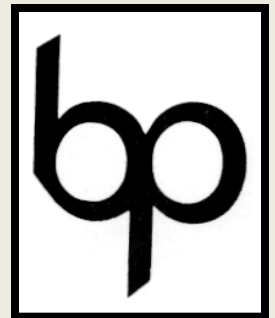


# Peyton Brooks And Raul Toledo Receive SHASDA Award

Bethel Park High School seniors **Peyton Brooks** and **Raul Toledo** received the SHASDA Award from the South Hills Area School Districts Association.

Each year SHASDA member high schools identify two students who have overcome personal obstacles to succeed in school.

Peyton and Raul were honored at a luncheon at the Southpointe Hilton.



# BPHS And IMS Latin Students Earn Awards On National Latin Exams

Several Bethel Park High School and Independence Middle School students performed very well on the National Latin Exams.

## LATIN I EXAM

*Magna Cum Laude Certificate* –  
**Jenna Peretin** and **Avery Hill**  
*Cum Laude Certificate* – **Sarah Eiben**

## LATIN II EXAM

*Cum Laude Certificates* – **Alex  
DiPrampero, Paige Davidson** and  
**Joey Wright**

## LATIN III EXAM

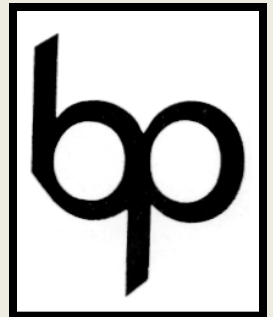
*Magna Cum Laude Certificate* –  
**Courtney Manns**  
*Cum Laude Certificate* – **Morgan  
Gloeckl**

## LATIN IV EXAM

*Cum Laude Certificate* – **Christian  
Smetana**

## LATIN VI EXAM

*Magna Cum Laude Certificate* –  
**Vinny Tavoletti**





# 13 BPHS Latin Students Recognized By National Latin Honor Society

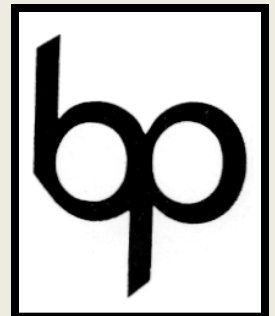
Several Bethel Park High School students were recognized by the National Latin Honor Society.

## SENIOR HONOR CORD RECIPIENTS

- Aaron Coplan
- Emily Kukan
- Emily Marzina
- Adam Musciano
- Keith Powell
- Olivia Schanck
- Vincent Tavoletti

## UNDERCLASSMEN INDUCTED INTO THE NATIONAL LATIN HONOR SOCIETY

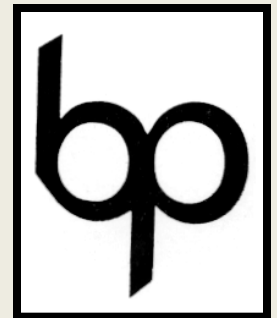
- Julia Angotti
- Emily Augustine
- David Erzen
- Carolyn Vona
- Joey Weston
- Natalia Young



# Corinne Hebestreit Wins German Summer Study Trip



Bethel Park High School junior **Corinne Hebestreit** was one of 44 American high school German students who was awarded an all-expenses-paid Summer Study Trip to Germany. Besides scoring in the 94<sup>th</sup> percentile on the 2015 Level 4 National German Exam, Corinne submitted responses to several short essay questions in German and English and was interviewed by a committee of high school teachers and college professors of German. She will stay with a host family and participate in excursions to places of cultural and historical significance. The trip is made possible through a grant from the Federal Republic of Germany.



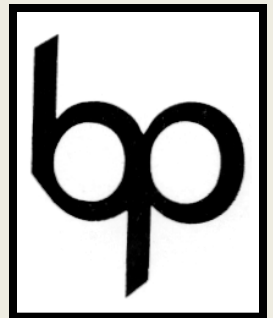


## Rotary Names David Erzen Its March Student Of The Month

Bethel Park High School junior **David Erzen** was named the March Student of the Month by the Rotary Club of Bethel Park.

Each month the Rotary Club recognizes an outstanding Bethel Park High School student who demonstrates outstanding commitment to school and/or community.

David was recognized for his efforts to coordinate a successful “Random Acts of Kindness” project during Wish Week at the High School.

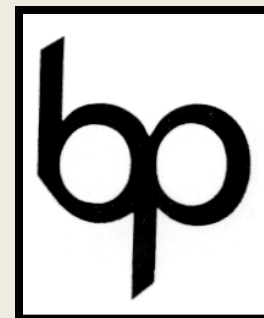


# Congratulations, Akhil Rajasekar!



Bethel Park High School junior **Akhil Rajasekar** “Performed with Excellence” on the Pittsburgh section of the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual National Chemistry Olympiad, sponsored by the American Chemical Society.

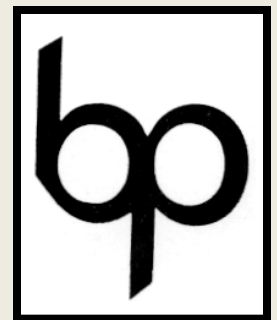
He is now one of 1,000 students to take the National Exam with the hope of being one of the top four scorers on the Exam who will then represent the United States in the International Chemistry Olympiad.



# Sophomore Selected To Attend Congress For Future Medical Leaders



Bethel Park High School sophomore **Carlylyn Mansfield** has been selected to represent Pennsylvania at the Congress of Future Medical Leaders in Boston in June. The Congress is an honors-only program for high school students who want to become physicians or go into medical research. She was selected based on her academic achievement, leadership potential and determination to serve humanity in the field of medicine.

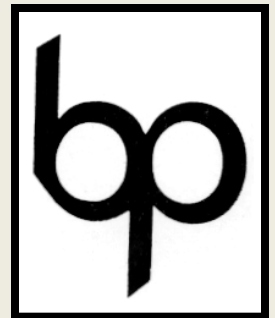


# IMS Students Talk About ‘Apps Of Hate’ With Peers From Other Area Middle Schools



A group of Independence Middle School students participated in a Google Hangout Panel Discussion with students from Brentwood, Canon McMillan and South Fayette about “Apps of Hate” and the harm these apps do to students who are victimized by untrue, anonymous postings. Participating were **Matthew Casaldi, Jerry Varghese, Parker Loera, Alyssa George, Alexa Barrett, Jessica Ashton** and **Emma Petrick**.

Also participating in the discussion was State Senator **Matt Smith, Ryan Klingensmith** from Western Psych and Motivational Speaker **Aaron Jackson**.

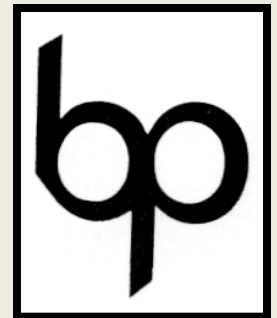


# IMS Students Showcase Chromebook Initiative at Learning Together Conference



Independence Middle School students **Alyssa Kane, Annette Barnhart, Blake Haggerty, Kelsey Rogers, Lily Wilson, Maura James, Molly Hoffman, Patrick May** and **Sarah Gilliam** created an exhibit, including business cards, handouts, a Google slide presentation and a website, to showcase what they have learned this year by participating in the District's One-To-One Chromebook Initiative and presented at the Allegheny Intermediate Unit's Learning Together Conference.

In the morning, Bethel Park Teachers **Dylan August** and **Jesse August** joined Administrators **Ron Reyer, Dee Stark, Janet O'Rourke, David Muench** and **Joe Rosi** in a presentation about the One-To-One Initiative that was attended by administrators and teachers across Allegheny County.

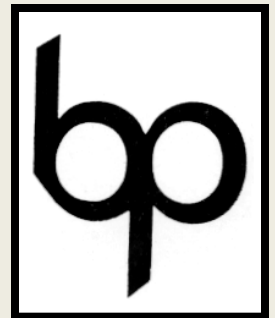




## Alyssa George Wins Jackie Robinson Poetry Contest

Independence Middle School eighth grader **Alyssa George** earned First Place in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Poetry Category in the Pittsburgh Pirates' Writing Contest for her poem about Jackie Robinson's Nine Core Values of Success.

Alyssa, her family and IMS English Teacher **Alaina Hixon**, were treated to a Pre-Game Awards Banquet at PNC Park before Alyssa was honored on the field before the Pirates/Detroit Tigers Game on April 15, which is celebrated annually as Jackie Robinson Day in Major League Baseball.





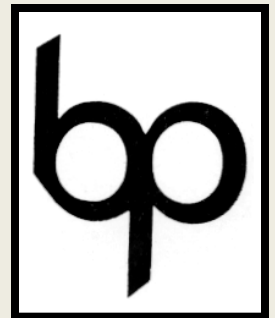
# Franklin Fills 23 Back Packs With School Supplies For Orphans In Zimbabwe

Franklin Elementary students participated in a service project to collect school supplies and back packs for orphans in Zimbabwe.

The collection netted enough back packs and supplies for 23 students!

Students and PTO members helped to pack up the supplies that will be sent to Africa.

Thanks to everyone who helped to make this project a success!



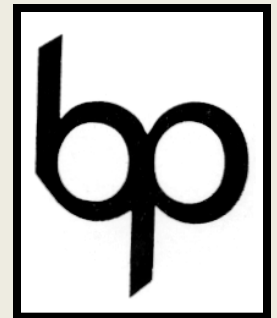
# Cody Roberts Named Memorial Principal For The Day

Second Grade students in **Mrs. Schall's** room created Powerpoint presentations to campaign to be Memorial's Principal For The Day.

Each Powerpoint contained information about each candidate and what they would do to improve their school.

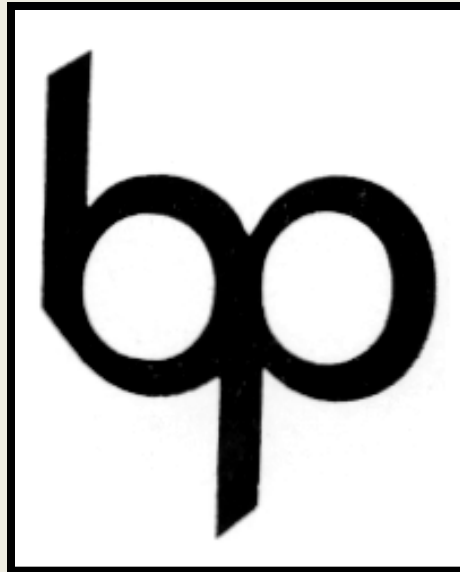
Suggestions included canceling homework, wearing pajamas to school and installing a hot tub in every classroom.

An election was held after all of the presentations and **Cody Roberts** was selected to be Memorial Principal For The Day! Congratulations, Cody!



# The Bethel Park School District

*Where Futures Begin*



*The Mission of the Bethel Park School District is to lead an educational partnership with the community, maintaining an environment that challenges all students to reach their potential as lifelong learners and responsible members of society.*