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## ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE AS OF FEBRUARY 12, 2018

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## COMMENDATIONS:

**FEBRUARY 2018**

**“SENIORS OF THE MONTH”**

LUKE E. GAUTHIER

SOPHIA CHENG

**“VOCATIONAL SENIOR OF THE MONTH”**

DAVID B. COSTADINA

MATTHEW BLUM

**“UNSUNG HERO”**

BLAKE SCANLON
CEDAR CREEK SCHOOL

The following students have been selected as Cedar Creek's Students of the Month!

**JANUARY 2018**

**ART**
- Valerie Arguelles-Agama

**MUSIC**
- Christian Gilani

**PE**
- Jacob Gilani

The following students have been selected as “Bus Stars” for January 2018.

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Congratulations Cedar Creek!! The Cedar Creek School participated in the American Heart Association Jump Rope for Heart program for the 3rd year. Each year the boys and girls challenge themselves to raise more money than the last. We are proud to say that the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade students raised over $8,000 this year. That was $1,000 over their goal of $7,000. Our highest boy participant was 4th grader Logan Resetar with over $400 in donations. The highest girl participant was Natalie Leiter with $395 in donations. Not only did all of our students help with donations, they also spread the word and practiced heart healthy living habits with family and friends. In the Physical Education classes, all students got their hearts going! Boys and girls were jumping rope, hula hooping, jumping for distance and doing the “Over, Under, Limbo.” They also tested their hearts’ abilities with a 1-2-3-4 minute jump rope challenge. In our Health classes the students talked about eating healthy, drinking less sugary drinks, and getting more daily exercise. We are truly proud of our HEART HEROES!
Our winter band concert was most enjoyable! Our fourth grade band students performed for our staff, students, friends and families sharing what they have learned thus far this school year! Students performed music pieces to showcase the notes they have mastered as well as one song as an entire band. Each instrument group also performed a piece they have mastered.

Congratulations to Brayden Messina, grade 4, for his award winning poster to promote the local Rotary Club Wizards Basketball Fundraiser game!

The fourth grade students are anxiously awaiting to hear the results of the Partnership for a Drug Free NJ folder contest. The students were asked to design a folder spreading the message of “Fun Things to Do Instead of Doing Drugs.” The chosen finalists and their families will attend a special ceremony held in the spring to celebrate their hard work.

The Monmouth-Ocean County Dental Society is sponsoring a poster contest for February Children’s Dental Health Month. Grades 4-8 students were invited to participate. Many of CCS 4th graders will be participating. The contest will culminate at the Ocean County Mall on February 11, 2018 from 1:00-3:00 with winners being awarded their prizes. Stay tuned for the names of our winners.

Keep that plastic coming!! RECYCLE RALLY is still going strong and we have moved into 8th place out of 100 schools nationwide!! We now have two bins on the side of our school building (recess field side) to collect plastic #1 & 2. Just swing by over the weekends and throw your recycling in our bins alongside the outside of the school building! We are getting closer to the $20,000 in prize money for our school!

Cedar Creek is full of spirit! Our staff and students participated in spirit days during January such as favorite scarf day, sports jersey day, and wear red for our blood drive project!

The Cedar Creek staff has once again out done themselves! Our 9th annual blood drive was a huge success with over 80 donors. Thank you to the Central Jersey Blood Bank for sharing information with our students about the “how’s and why’s” to giving blood and saving a lives!

The NJ Sea Grant Consortium visited Cedar Creek and presented assemblies to each 4th grade class about the Lenape Indians and New Jersey. The students loved this hands-on and interactive social studies and science presentation!

**CCS Character Education Update**

Our guidance counselor, Mrs. Borel, has been visiting our library classes and conducting lessons on Gratitude. She has also reached out to many classes electronically with “Peek-a-pak Pals” lessons, also on Gratitude. “Peek-a-pak Pals” is a program that offers a good character topic monthly through literature based read-along stories and lesson plans!
FORKED RIVER SCHOOL

We are proud to announce the Forked River School’s “Students of Distinction” for the month of:

JANUARY SPECIAL AREA STUDENTS

Art: Irlanda Morales-Perez & Isaiah Otero
Music: Alexzander Pirigy & Skylar Rivera
PE: Chloe Emmons & Tyler Preston
Library: Leyna Bohlayer & Christopher Estevez-Garcia

SAFETY PATROL

Jadyn Ellingham
Sasha Hildebrant
Andrew Hollister
Chloe Emmons
Christopher Estevez-Garcia
Christopher Filis
Matteo DiMiele
Danielle Donnamaria
Rey Dominic Fernan
Autumn Holland
Anthony Introna
Zachary Spaloss

ANNOUNCERS

AM: Samantha O’Connor & Cooper Miick
PM: Joelle Durant & Damien Romeo
# January Superstar Citizens

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## SCHOOL NEWS

Lieutenant Cornelius from the LTPD visited the Forked River School Science Club students to conduct a CSI lesson where students learned about forensics. Students were intrigued by the tools used to capture fingerprints.

As part of our year-long financial literacy program at the Forked River School, our students in grades first through fourth had their first opportunity to visit our financial literacy store to purchase items with their savings. It was interesting to see our students manage their ledgers and decide on how much to spend and how much to save for when the store reopens at the end of the year. I would like to thank Mrs. Camaligan, our math BSI teacher, who manages our financial literacy program, as well as all of our homeroom teachers in first through fourth grade who help their students maintain their weekly earnings in their ledgers.

In honor of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., students and staff engaged in both character education and history lessons related to the significant impact Dr. King had on equality, tolerance, and freedom in America.

On Wednesday, January 17th, the Forked River School Band made their debut with three excellent performances under the careful direction of our band director, Mrs. Faille. It was amazing to see how much our band students have learned since the beginning of this school year! We look forward to their spring concert on May 23rd.

Our fourth grade students enjoyed our guest presenters from the New Jersey Sea Grant Consortium during their visit on Wednesday, January 24, 2018. They provided a free educational program for our fourth grade students titled, “Lenape and the Jersey Shore.” Students learned about the tools and resources the Lenape people used in their everyday lives to provide food, clothing, and shelter.
On Thursday, January 25th, Mrs. Howcroft hosted a parent informational night for all of our 3rd and 4th grade students who attend our before-school Orton Gillingham reading intervention program! Students demonstrated for their parents the reading techniques they have been learning. Mrs. Howcroft provided parents with materials and procedures for them to use with their children when reading with them at home. It was a productive and fun night for the benefit of our students’ reading success!

The fifth annual FRS Family Chess Night was held on Wednesday, January 31st, under the careful direction of our chess club advisor, Mrs. Fisher, along with the assistance of Mr. Boedigheimer and Ms. Cellini. Over thirty chess sets were utilized including a life-size chess set for team play. A fun time was had by all!

**Community Service**

The Forked River School’s Jump Rope for Heart event, led by Mrs. Swensen and Mr. Boedigheimer, our health and physical education teachers, is going on through Friday, February 23, 2018. Our first through fourth grade students are participating in an effort to raise $10,000 for donation to the American Heart Association.

All of the Forked River School Denim Day donations for the month of January were donated to our Helping Hands Committee for the benefit of our families in need.
The following students have been selected as Lanoka Harbor’s Students of the Month for:

**JANUARY 2017**

**ART:** Carolina Martinez-Alvarez  
**MUSIC:** Brooke McGinley  
**PE:** Ryan Brewer

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

A special thank you to everyone that participated in Lanoka “Kids for Kids PJ Day” to benefit St. Jude Children’s Hospital. Student’s and staff members that participated in our fundraiser contributed $1 to wear their PJ’s to school on January 26th and raised $526. A comfy time was had by all for a good cause!

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS**

The staff and students of Lanoka Harbor together raised $189 to support Special Olympics New Jersey. The hall to the multipurpose room is decorated with snowflakes made by students and staff that support our slogan “Like Snowflakes...We are all Unique!” Plans are being made for the week of February 26th to March 2nd when we will be celebrating our Disabilities Awareness Week. All grades will be included in activities during their library class. In addition, 3rd and 4th graders will have a hands on learning experience during their lunch period.

**SUSTAINABLE NJ GRANT**

Sustainable Jersey for Schools is a certification program for New Jersey public schools that want to go green, conserve resources and take steps to create a brighter future, one school at a time. At an awards ceremony held January 10th, Sustainable Jersey for Schools announced the 46 New Jersey schools and school districts selected to receive Sustainable Jersey for Schools small grants funded by the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA). Eleven $10,000 grants and 35 $2,000 grants were distributed to fund a variety of projects including vertical aeroponic tower gardens, agricultural and sustainability curriculum, student green team capacity building, an outdoor classroom, a healthy habits program, enhanced recycling efforts and more.
We are proud to announce that due to the efforts of Mrs. Hughes, our Green Team Advisor, Lanoka Harbor School was awarded a $2,000 grant! Proposals were judged by an independent Blue Ribbon Selection Committee. The Sustainable Jersey for Schools grants are intended to help school districts and schools make progress toward a sustainable future in general, and specifically toward Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification.

The NJEA is proud to head into its fourth year partnering with Sustainable Jersey on the Sustainable Jersey for Schools initiative. With this contribution NJEA has provided a total of $750,000 thus far to support a sustainable future for children across the state through the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program. Our statistics show that 712 schools, representing 48 percent of all New Jersey school districts in New Jersey have adopted a school board resolution to participate in the program. In addition, 194 schools have become Sustainable Jersey for Schools certified; and over 2,700 sustainability initiatives have been completed by Sustainable Jersey certified schools.

CLUB NEWS

INTERGENERATIONAL CLUB

On Wednesday, January 17th, the Intergenerational Club had a "snow day" at Pheasant Run. Senior members and students played board games, decorated cookies, ate popcorn and drank hot chocolate. Many conversations were about snow day activities and what the Seniors did when they were kids on snow days. A good time was had by all!

BAND

Under the direction of Mrs. Meelheim, the 4th grade students put on a wonderful winter concert which was enjoyed by staff, students, and family on January 24th. We are all looking forward to the bands spring performance!!
CLASSROOM NEWS

GIFTED & TALENTED

Our 4th Grade Gifted and Talented students recently began playing SIFMA Foundations Stock Market Game this month. They have begun learning about the stock market and investing in companies that they've researched. Students will be tracking their company’s progress over the next few months and are hoping for a strong return on their investments. We can't wait to see the final results of the game!

KINDERGARTEN

The kindergarten children at Lanoka Harbor School are all “STEAM” up! The children has been studying different types of weather, cold fronts, warm fronts, and different types of clouds. They have been keeping track of the weather on their five day forecast papers. They have also been acting as meteorologists reporting the weather to their classmates. They were able to watch forecast on the computers. During our recent snowfall, the children were able to do some snow and ice science. We worked on developing our understanding of the scientific process, and using controls and controlling variables as part of the process. They also created several different weather art projects and wrote about them. Being “STEAM” up can be a wonderful learning experience at Lanoka Harbor School!!

4th GRADE

The NJ Sea Grant Consortium conducted a program for our 4th grade students that focused on crabs, lobsters, and shrimp. During a live animal presentation, students discovered the life of crustaceans native to NJ. Groups assembled models and learned the common characteristics of these fascinating clawed creatures. Thank you to our 4th grade Gifted and Talented students for earning this assembly by competing in the Ocean Fun Days Science Fair last spring.

Thank you to the NJ Sea Grant Consortium for their continued support to the Lacey Township School District.
STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Physical Education  Rafael Oyola  6K  &  Grace Kiernan  5W
Health  James Farmer  5W  &  Reena Hamouda  5W
Music  Nevaeh Foster  5W  &  Benjamin Tengowski
      5R
Art  Jack Hrabal  6DS  &  Mia Sullivan  5F
Band  Hailey Austin  6S  &  Bennett Talbot  6AS

CAUGHT BEING GOOD

James Augustine  RA  Carly Tomasso  RS
Patrick Deeb  6AS  Serenity Clark  5R
Ivy Monahan  5JB  Timothy Cheng  6N

JANUARY ANNOUNCEERS

Maegan Schmiedeberg  6K  Thomas Wissel  6K
Marissa Flores  5JB  Michael Vervier  5JB
Jonathan Butler  5JB  Quinn Postel  5JB
Gavin DiFlorio  5JB  Reece Paget  5D
Jayden Mosley  5D  Mary Jane Larson  5D
James Miserendino  5D  Lorenzo Scarabino  5E
Maya Jinkins  5E  Sean Carne  5E
Grace Boyle  5E  Havana Companioni  5E
Zoey Smith  5F  Kira Kownacki  5F
Erik Stroin  5F
Inside our Hallways

Bring on the Wizards!!

Mill Pond’s Proud Paws Club presents a generous check to Ocean of Love. Funds were raised during their Candy Canes for Cancer fundraiser. Great job helping others Proud Paws Members.

Drama Club hard at work and preparing for our big debut on May 31st!! What a talented crew we have this year!

Mill Pond Elementary School will soon be the proud recipients of two water

Thank you to the Lacey Elks for the beautiful hats and scarves for our Preschool students.

World Read Aloud Day at Mill Pond.

Beautiful view from my classroom window!

Mill Pond students who sold the most pies during the PTA Pie Sale got a special prize. They got to throw a pie in a teacher’s face.
bottle refilling stations.

**Our positive message of the day!!**

**Inside our Classrooms**

**Preschool**

Preschool is having a ball!

Mittens matchup while watching the snowfall outside.

Our predictions are in! Did the Groundhog see his shadow this morning?

Congratulations to our Book Fair winner!

Searching for letters in bubbles today!

**5th Graders**

Students continue working in teams, applying comparing and contrasting skills while exploring solutions and concentration during science.

Bow Tie Wednesday is in full force in this classroom. You all look fantastic.
We had such a great time with the parachute!

Investigating density!

Congrats to our January basket winners!

Science fun.

Amazing Story Structure Projects from 5th Grade.

6th Graders

Celebrating Groundhog Day with sweet groundhogs in pancake burrows! Students from several classes cooking together.

Sixth graders writing narratives thanks to some inspiration in the form of old, antique keys...

6th grade formal writing real world application: asking our favorite candy company for a free sample through a business letter.

Great celebration of authors in ELA class. Excellent writing and vocabulary.

Great "shopping trip" in 5th Grade while multiplying decimals! Getting really good at this!
LACEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

“Students of the Month”

Mr. Jason King, Principal, commends the following middle school students who were selected for P.R.I.D.E. students of the month:

JANUARY 2018

Patricia Marion
Matthew McWeeney
Alexis Schlagenhaft
Edwin Escobar

P.R.I.D.E (Personal Recognition for Individual Dedicated Effort) is a program designed to recognize student achievement for both personal and academic achievements. Students are nominated each month by a teacher and/or activity advisor. Nominations are reviewed by the P.R.I.D.E selection committee.

Selected students are recognized for their achievement in a special PA announcement. Framed pictures of them are hung on the Middle School’s “Wall of Pride”.

SCHOOL NEWS

Mid-term exams have been completed and the third marking period has begun. Report cards were available on the parent portal on Thursday, February 8, 2018.

Another successful winter sports season has ended. Congratulations to all our winter athletes. Signups for spring sports have begun.

The combined Band/Chorus Winter Concert, with performances by the Middle School Dance Team, was a huge success. The students performed to a packed house on Thursday, January 25, 2018 at the High School. Another performance was held on Tuesday, January 23, 2018, for the Middle School students and staff. Congratulations to all our band, chorus, and dance team members for a job well done.

LTHS conducted four sessions of orientation for our present LTMS 8th graders on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 (2 sessions) and Thursday, February 8, 2018 (2 sessions).

Congratulations to Abby Stephens, Kennedy Laureigh, David Murphy and Cameron Callis for making the South Jersey Junior High Honors Band. Over 320 students from all over south Jersey auditioned for 190 spots. Congratulations to all.

Mr. Wigley had lunch with four LTMS students to discuss their school experiences.

LTMS had a successful pep rally on February 2, 2018. Students and staff had a great time. The school was filled with energy, pride and excitement.
7th Grade Student - Matthew McWeeney

This seventh-grade boy is a very conscientious student who always strives to do his best. He is always willing to help his teachers in class and is very compassionate to his fellow classmates. This student constantly pushes himself to achieve greatness. This seventh-grade boy is involved in the Math Club, Chess Club Lego Robotics at the High School, and a creative writing workshop at Mill Pond Elementary School. His sense of responsibility has been an asset in the Middle School. Keeping education a priority, being kind and caring, and pushing himself beyond expectations are all qualities admired. It is for these reasons the PRIDE committee has chosen Matthew McWeeney as Student of the Month for January. Congratulations, Matthew.

7th Grade Student - Patricia Marion

This seventh-grade girl is a tremendous help in the classroom, especially when it comes time to organizing and putting away students’ Chromebooks. She takes charge in a polite manner and is helpful to her fellow classmates. From returning lost items, making sure that everyone has a turn, or getting involved, this seventh-grade girl shows great leadership skills. Other students say that this seventh-grade girl is very supportive to her teammates in gym class. Outside of school, this student is a dedicated dancer who also enjoys photography and crafts. Being a leader, organized, dedicated and creative are all qualities to admire. It is for these reasons the PRIDE committee has chosen Patricia Marion as Student of the Month for January. Congratulations, Patricia.
8th Grade Student - Edwin Escobar

This eighth-grade boy has shown immense progress throughout this school year. He strives to do well on quizzes and tests and continuously participates in class discussions. He is a very dedicated student who maintains a high grade point average. This eighth-grade boy is also a considerate class citizen who doesn’t think twice about lending his notes to a classmate, holding open the door as someone is walking in, or simply greeting everyone with a smile. This eighth-grade boy is very polite and volunteers to help teachers and classmates in any way he can. Taking education seriously, having pride, being positive and helping teachers and classmates are all qualities to admire. It is for these reasons the PRIDE Committee has chosen Edwin Escobar as Student of the Month for January. Congratulations, Edwin.

8th Grade Student - Alexis Schlagenhaft

This eighth-grade girl is hard-working and dedicated in school and on the basketball court. She displays exemplary character every single day. Beyond receiving a high grade point average and playing on multiple basketball teams, this eighth grade girl also voluntarily helps younger girls learn the sport of basketball while teaching them about strong character and perseverance. This student volunteers her time every summer to help younger girls learn the sport of basketball while teaching them about strong character and perseverance. This student volunteers her time every summer to help instruct and mentor young children at a local vacation bible school. This eighth-grade girl is an asset to the Lacey Middle School community academically and beyond. Being smart, athletic, positive and a wonderful role model are qualities to admire. It is for these reasons the PRIDE Committee has chosen Alexis Schlagenhaft as Student of the Month for January. Congratulations, Alexis.
LACEY TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

Great things happening at the High School!!

FEBRUARY 2018

Freshman Sean Cook broke the high school record in 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:01:19

Senior Luke Gauthier becomes only the 6th Lion to reach the 100 win mark!

Senior Health Classes went to a taping of the Dr. Oz Show, with a meet and greet with Dr. Oz after the taping.

Luke Moynihan made LTHS history, he is now the all time career wins leader for Lacey!!!

Lacey Boys swimmers finished in the top five at Counties and set 22 personal best times. Sean Cook took 1st in the 100 freestyle and 2nd in the 100 breaststroke; Lucas Whelan placed 2nd in 200 freestyle and 3rd in the 500 freestyle, Michael Spina took 8th in the 100 freestyle.


Lacey is officially the 2nd seed in the South Jersey Group III Tournament. We will be hosting the Piners of Lakewood in the first round on Monday, February 5th!

Seniors, Autumn Laird and Brian Huebler take 2nd place High Game in the Lakewood Scotch Doubles Tournament.

Lacey wrestling headed to the group 3 state finals! First time in program history! Lacey will be traveling to Delsea Friday night to Wrestle for the South Jersey Group III State Championship, 7pm.

Lacey Girls Bowling brings home another trophy finishing in 4th Place at the Ocean County Tournament!
The administration and faculty of Lacey Township High School are proud to announce that Luke Gauthier has been chosen as Senior of the Month for February 2018.

Luke’s transcript is a testimony to his academic success. He ranks in the top 16% of the senior class with a cumulative GPA of 4.08. Luke is very successful in managing his time between his classes and his extracurricular activities. Luke elected to enroll in our school’s STEM program and is currently working on his STEM capstone project. He credits his success to several factors: coping with stress, remaining focused, resisting peer pressure, and developing effective study habits. Luke’s favorite subject is physics and he intends to pursue an engineering degree in college. Three noteworthy accomplishments, as a high school student, include his induction into the National Honor Society, becoming a NJSIAA wrestling state qualifier, and achieving 100 career wrestling wins.

Luke is the captain of both the high school and middle school wrestling teams. His leadership abilities were also demonstrated by his participation in Trooper Youth Week in 2016 and his appointment as section leader. In 2016 and 2017 Luke competed in the National Freestyle Wrestling Championships as part of Team New Jersey. He received our school’s Golden Paw and Lion Heart awards in wrestling. Luke holds three varsity letters in wrestling and one varsity letter in cross country.

Luke is also an Elks Antler. Membership in this program fosters involvement in the community through service related projects. He is the vice president of the Physics Club and a coaching assistant at two local wrestling clubs. Additionally, Luke is a member of the Fishing Club and has a strong interest in the ocean and related activities. In his spare time Luke tutors a middle school student in mathematics.

Luke is a remarkable young man. He is conscientious, dependable and trustworthy. He is respectful towards others and completes all tasks with honesty and integrity. Luke’s academic record and extracurricular involvement demonstrate his commitment to be a responsible and reliable person. There is no doubt that Luke will continue to strive for academic success as he continues his education. The faculty and administration are honored to acknowledge Luke’s many outstanding accomplishments and wish him success in his future endeavors. Luke has been accepted to the United States Merchant Marine Academy.
SENIOR OF THE MONTH – FEBRUARY 2018

SOPHIA CHENG

Lacey Township High School’s “Senior of the Month” for February Sophia Cheng!

The administration and faculty of Lacey Township High School have enthusiastically awarded the February 2018 Senior of the Month to Sophia Cheng.

Diligence, ambition, self-motivation and concern for others are only a few of the outstanding qualities that set Sophia apart from her peers. Since her freshman year, Sophia has pursued the most rigorous course of study that Lacey Township High School offers. Sophia is a National Honor Society student who has consistently demonstrated her hard work and excellence in the classroom by maintaining an impressive 4.680 GPA, which has earned her the number one ranking in her graduating class. Sophia is currently enrolled in six Advanced Placement classes, which reflect her dedication to the importance of a rigorous high school education and preparation for college.

In addition to succeeding in the classroom, Sophia is an honorable leader and a strong asset to Lacey Township High School’s community. She makes it a priority to take the time out of her rigorous academic schedule to participate in numerous extracurricular activities. Sophia is an active member of the Association Against Drugs and Alcohol, Concert Band, National Honor Society, Editor of Newspaper Club and a member of the Student Reading Committee. In addition to participating in a number of extracurricular related clubs, she also finds time outside of the school day to volunteer with the Ocean County Library, American Legion and serve as a mentor to classified students at a District Elementary School.

Throughout her High School years, Sophia has received numerous recognitions for her academic excellence and leadership abilities. During her Junior year, she served as an alternate delegate for ALA Jersey Girls State and was a nominee for Girls’ Career Institute. During her Sophomore year, Sophia was nominated as a delegate to represent the state of New Jersey at the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders program held in Boston, Massachusetts.

Not only is Sophia a personable and determined individual, she is also very unassuming considering her outstanding academic history. There is no doubt that Sophia Cheng will make meaningful contributions in her pursuit of academic achievement and the career goals that she wishes to attain. At present, Sophia is currently deciding which University to attend as a result of her numerous acceptances. The administration and faculty are very proud of Sophia Cheng’s many achievements and wish her well as she embarks on her post-secondary journey.
Lacey Township High School’s “Vocational Senior of the Month” for February is David Costadina!

The administration and faculty of Lacey Township High School are proud to announce that David Costadina has been selected as February’s candidate for Senior of the Month.

David Costadina is a very respectful and talented individual. He is very passionate about fashion and creating clothes. David has worked very hard at vocational school, where he is learning the tools to be successful in the fashion industry.

His recent accomplishment of making a general style jacket with golden embellishments, which is a Jimi Hendrix style jacket, at vocs was astonishing. When you see David in school he most likely will be wearing an article of clothing he has made. The talent and dedication he puts into making clothes is remarkable.

Additionally, David is a lifeguard over the summer at Greenbriar in Waretown where he works very hard. His primary concern are his studies, therefore he doesn’t work during the school year. However, during the school year he gets called in sometimes to life guard the indoor pool, where he always is willing to lend a hand. David shared a story with me that is a true testament to his character. On his fifth day on the job he saved a kids life from drowning.

David intends to pursue a career in Fashion Design at Fashion Institute of Technology, where he applied and handed in his portfolio.

The faculty and administration is very proud of David’s accomplishments. David will undoubtedly continue to succeed in his goals he has set for himself.
February’s Unsung Hero Award is presented to Blake Scanlon for his positive attitude and dedication to Lacey Township High School. Blake is involved in many clubs, including: SGA, Interact, AADA, and Fishing Club. Additionally, Blake dedicates his time in the spring sports season to managing the Girl’s Softball team. He is always willing to volunteer his time to help with events going on around the school. Blake is an extraordinary honors student and balances his responsibilities well. Consequently, Blake is a member of the National Honors Society. You can see Blake assisting peers in the classroom and constantly giving effort to better the days of those around him. Wherever Blake is, he is always bursting with team spirit and school pride. Blake pushes himself to excel in his classes and always challenges himself to be an even better version of himself. It is for these reasons that Blake Scanlon has been selected to receive February’s Unsung Hero Award.