



Class of 2020

Virtual Commencement

Principal Mr. Murphy, **Introduction**

Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem

Mr. Murphy - **Class President Introduction**

Class President, Kate Biddle Speech

"One for the Books"

Mr. Murphy - **Introduction of WJHSD School Board and Administration**

Mr. Murphy - **Introduction of Lydia Shaw**

Lydia Shaw Speech

"Charting the Seas of Adversity"

Mr. Murphy - **Announcement of Top 7**

Mr. Murphy - **Introduction of Alyssa Volomino**

Alyssa Volomino Speech

"Triumph through Tribulation"

Mr. Murphy - **Introduction of Superintendent, Dr. Ghilani**

Dr. Ghilani Speech

Mr. Murphy - **Diploma Distribution**

Roll Call - Class of 2020

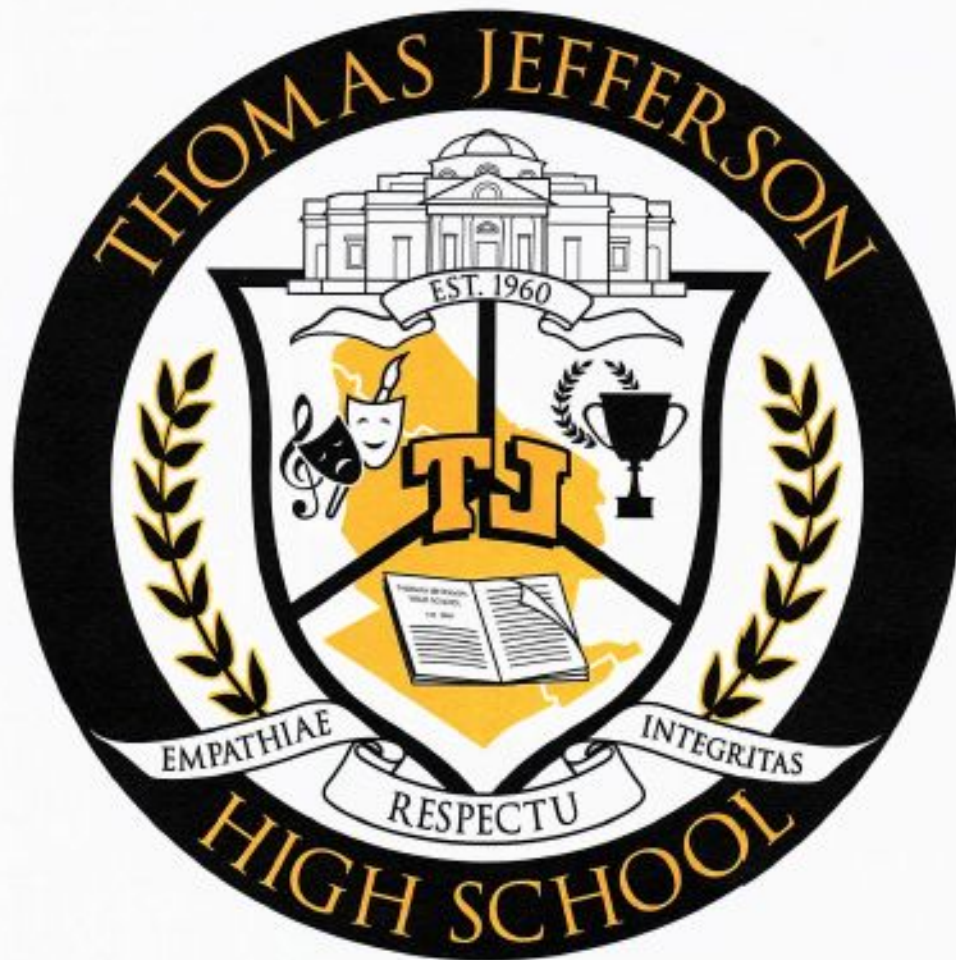
Mr. Murphy - **Class of 2020 Military Recognition**

Alma Mater

Class Dismissed

Thomas Jefferson High School
West Jefferson Hills School District
Jefferson Hills, Pennsylvania

Sixty-First
Commencement
Class of 2020



Virtual Commencement Ceremony - Friday, August 7, 2020 @ 6:00 pm
livestream.com

<http://livestream.com/accounts/14682220/events/5555637>

The Class of 2020
Thomas Jefferson High School
Class Officers



Class President
Kate Anna Biddle

Vice President
Nathan Drew Williams

Secretary
Tanner Rae Patrick

Treasurer
Leah Ackman

The audience is requested to rise for the Processional
and to remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Please be seated following the Alma Mater and remain seated
for the Recessional.

We request that you are respectful of all of the families during the ceremony and refrain from the use of air horns, beach balls, and all other distractions. Every family deserves to hear their child's name called to receive their diploma. Thank you for your compliance and understanding towards all of our graduates.

Commencement Program

Processional “Pomp and Circumstance”Edward Elgar
Pledge of Allegiance, Welcome, Introductions Pete Murphy, *Principal*
“Star Spangled Banner” Francis Scott Key

2020 Commencement Speakers

Kate Anna BiddleOne for the Books

Alyssa Jade Volomino Triumph through Tribulation

Lydia Jean Shaw Charting the Seas of Adversity

Presentation of the Class of 2020..... Dr. Michael Ghilani, *Superintendent*
West Jefferson Hills School District

Presentation of Diplomas Brian Fernandes, *President*
Suzanne Downer, *Vice President*
John Hosmer, *Vice President*
West Jefferson Hills School District

Roll Call of the Class of 2020.....Adam Knaresborough, *Assistant Principal*
Paul Ware, *Assistant Principal*
Thomas Jefferson High School

Special Recognition of Military Service..... Pete Murphy, *Principal*

Alma Mater Louis Mango

Turning of the TasselsClass of 2020

“Fanfare and Recessional”James D. Ployhar

Board of School Directors

President - Brian Fernandes	Jill Bertini	David Dominick
Vice President - Suzanne Downer	Kimberley Finnerty	Denise Kahler
Vice President - John Hosmer	Kristin Shoemaker	Christopher Zacur

Professional Staff

Superintendent	Dr. Michael Ghilani
Assistant Superintendent Secondary Education.....	Scott Milburn
Assistant Superintendent Elementary Education	Matthew Patterson
Supervisor of Special Education/Pupil Personnel.....	Jade Fiore
Director of Finance/Board Secretary	Tracy Harris
Director of Human Resources.....	Lindsay Pfister
Director of Facilities.....	Ryan Snodgrass
Facilities Manager.....	Nicholas Fierst
School Psychologists.....	Lauryn Gray, Marissa Reed
Public Relations Consultant	Carrie Lekse
High School Principal	Pete Murphy
Assistant Principal.....	Adam Knaresborough
Assistant Principal.....	Paul Ware
Athletic Director	William Cherpak
Technology Director	Gerry Dawson

Teaching Staff

Christine Bacola	Gregg Fouts	Wendy Matta	Allison Romito
Anthony Battaglini	Leah Freeman	Brian McClain	Michael Rose
Matthew Betler	Dan Giger	Amanda McHugh	Kirk Salopek
Zachary Bonatesta	Kenneth Gruntz	Jennifer McHugh	Pam Sanders
Denise Breisinger	Katherine Hanpon	Bradley Merklin	Kelly Scears
Patti Burks	Kelly Hollis	Sherry Meucci	David Shearouse
Kacey Carsone	Ola Jaber	Kelly Miller	Melissa Sosanko
Gwenna Cokley	Heidi Karcher	James Mirabella	Frank Staffen
Nicole Cook	Justin Kaszonyi	Tressa Montgomery	Michele Stoicovy
William Corbin	Lauren Kaszonyi	Lindsey Moore	Bridget Stright
Shannon Cusick	Daniel Kostella	Megan Morgan	Lisa Sydeski
Jonathan Doyle	Lisa Kostella	Jason Namestka	Julie Tipton
Gregory Erdely	David Koval	Patrick Oster	Kate Weibl
Natalie Fink	Erikka Kushe	Holly Peiritsh	William Wetzel Jr.
Patrick Fiorill	Emily Leininger	Marlo Petersavage	Daniele Winkworth
Elizabeth Floyd	Kimberly Leopold	Dennis Resnik	Jeffrey Zanetti
Ashley Fluhme	Julia Lucci	Dana Ritter	



Acknowledgements

Director, Student Speakers	David Shearouse
Guidance Counselors	Karen Maple, Michael Kilcoyne, Erin Yeager
Nurse	Ashley Gallagher
Social Worker	Michelle Lander
School Resource Officers	James Modrak, Brian Peters
High School Maintenance Staff.....	Robert Anderson, Jay Atkinson, Jack Baumgardner, James Behers, Perry Billman, Marko Dopujda, Christopher Duda, Karen Guyton, Jack Hruska, Jonathan Kelly, Jeanette McCambridge, Casie Mele, Michele Mele, Jodi Mitchell, Ronna Patton, Tom Pennell, Daniel Ranalli, Beth Shered, Joseph Soback, Lisa Steiner, Lisa Verbanes, Patty Wedel, Jackie Zimmer
High School Cafeteria Staff.....	John Rambo, Julie Allison, Victoria Beveridge, Rene Dewit, Deborah Dougherty, Tracy Fedoris, Catherine McGrew, Denise Muffi, Antoinette Pawlikowski, Kristine Shelpman, Samantha Thurner, Therese Tomer, Lisa Wood
High School Secretarial Staff	Jennifer Allan, Charlotte Bricklemyer, Melissa Dusak, Lynne Haggerty, Connie Hornyak, Dorothy Kutscher
Paraprofessionals	Joseph Cieply, Megan Dillard, Erin Hrizo, Cynthia Randolph, Patience Simon, Marie Werner
Power School & PA State Reporting Specialist.....	Paul Bruschi
Educational IT Project Manager	Eric Milan
Technology Aides	Douglas Bricklemyer, Stephen Ciechalski, Trudy Codelka
Class Advisor.....	David Shearouse
Marshalls.....	Cindy Obiero, Benjamin Rubinoff
Senior Mentor Teachers	Christine Bacola, Denise Breisinger, Patti Burks, Joseph Cieply, Natalie Fink, Kenneth Gruntz, Heidi Karcher, Daniel Kostella, Brian McClain, Jennifer McHugh, Bradley Merklin, James Mirabella, Kelly Scears, David Shearouse, Bridget Stright, Lisa Sydeski

Thomas Jefferson High School

- ◆ Leah Ackman
- *◆+ Mirza Khubaib Ahmad
 - ◆ Emily Elizabeth Alcorn
- *◆+ Rachel Clare Andreola
 - Mathew Armstrong
 - Nicholas Adam Armstrong
 - Aubrey Arnold
 - Phillip C. Barkac
 - Sean Joseph Barna
 - Destinie Rochelle Bedard
 - Ethan S. Bell
 - Luke H. Bell
- ◆ Deanna Gabrielle Bennett
 - Katherine Rose Bereznicki
- ◆ James Roland Bernard
 - Giovanni Nicholas Biagini
- *◆ Kate Anna Biddle
 - Malia Bittner
 - Edward James Blaker
- ◆ Makayla Blosl
 - Ryder Dayne Bodzer
 - Grace Betty Bootay
- ◆ Benjamin Michael Borneman
 - Gillian Margaret Bowytz
 - Maranda Louise Boyce
- ◆+ Matthew William Broznick
 - ◆ Isabella Renee Bucy
 - ◆ William Joseph Bucy
 - ◆ Jacquelyn Maria Burich
 - Leyla Rustamovna Burkhanova
 - Eric Joseph Burnstein
- ◆ Jordon James Burnsworth
 - Evan Callahan
 - Sean Anthony Candelaria
 - Jessica Elizabeth Carmen
 - ◆ Isabella Sophia Caruso
- *◆+ Abigail Grayce Chalovich
 - ◆ Alana Doyle Cleary
 - ◆ Sarah Kathleen Cocuzzi
- Cathryn Mercedes Coles
- ◆ Elizabeth Virginia Conte
 - ◆ Luke Edward Conte
 - Jade Conway
- *◆ Maria Grace Costa
 - ◆ Jordan Ryleigh Crawford
 - Michael James Cunningham
 - Ethan Daerr
 - Bowen Michael Dame
- ◆ Angela Johanna Danen
 - Logan Andrew Danielson
- *◆ Alyssa DeAngelo
 - ◆ Daniel Brian Deabner Jr.
- *◆ Marisa Ann Deanovich
 - ◆ Ann Marie DeFranco-Buch
 - Carly Danielle DeGruttola
 - ◆ Kayla Nicole Delaney
 - Natalie Dietrich-Ridgeway
- *◆ Camden Michael Dimidjian
 - James Scott Dorsey
 - Austin Michael Dougherty
- *◆+ McKechnie Kevin Duda
- ◆+ Caitlyn Elizabeth Dziadyk
 - ◆ Autumn Regina Eckley
 - Marcus Gordon Empey
 - ◆ Sydney Elizabeth Esser
 - Tyler Matthew Failoni
- *◆ Mary Falstin
 - Justin Finnegan
 - Brendan Joseph Finnerty
 - ◆ Jacob Fisher
 - ◆ Julia Constance Freedman
- *◆+ Taylor Maria Gaito
- *◆ Natalie Rose Galioto
 - ◆ Ava Geiger
- *◆ Abigail Elizabeth Gonzalez
 - ◆ Dylan Anthony Gooch
 - ◆ Ryan James Graham
 - ◆ Sydney Graham
- ◆ Tyler David Graham
- ◆ Ashley Erica Guidone
- ◆ Ashleigh Summer Haines
 - Nicholas J. Halbleib
 - Sierra Hallam
 - Austin Jakob Haught
 - Denver Carter Haynes
 - Kerra Hennel
 - Kiley Hennel
- ◆ Riley Donald Hovan
 - Matalyn Olivia Howley
- ◆ Michael William Huber
- ◆ Alyssa Hummer
- *◆ Anna Camille Janosko
 - ◆ Michaela Marie Janusek
- ◆ Bailey Keck
 - Evan Kempa
 - Noor Khan
- ◆ Annie Khuu
 - Brandon Michael Kibe
- ◆ Dylan S. Kinavey
 - Gavin Christopher King
- ◆ Jenna Ann Kisner
 - Adam Klingman
- ◆ Samantha Nicole Koessler
- ◆ Dimitria Anna Kondos
 - Grace Elizabeth Konick
- *◆ Paige Alexandra Krupp
 - ◆ Alivia Rose Kujawa
 - ◆ Casey Noelle Lako
 - Mara Kristen Lako
- *◆+ Gabrielle Marie Lamenza
 - ◆ Sean G. Landers
- *◆ Camryn Marie Lanning
 - ◆ Vanessa Anne Legeza
- *◆ Duane Keith Leiby Jr.
 - ◆ Jerry Li
- *◆ Jaden Nicole Lotis
 - Ryan James Loukas

Class of 2020

- ◆ Alicia Lucas
- ◆ Halei Dawn Machi
Jason Thomas Mack
- ◆ Mia Amatuzio Maddas
- ◆ Yash Pradip Maheshwari
- *◆+ Mia Rose Maksin
- *◆ Dylan Alexander Mallozzi
- ◆ Elizabeth Frances Marks
Angel Daniel Martinez
- *◆ James William Martinis
- ◆ Brian Anthony Mason
- ◆ Macie Mason
- *◆ Mason Tyler McGuirk
- ◆+ Isaac Marvin Lee McNeil
- ◆ Jack Austin Mesina
- *◆ Delaney Sophia Metikosh
- *◆ Michelle Lyn Meucci
Brian Miller
- ◆ Alexandra Rose Moore
- *◆ Natalie Rose Moore
- *◆+ Eliana Jane Morano
- *◆+ William Frederick Morano
- ◆ Alaina Jade Mulvihill
- ◆ Anthony S. Mulvihill
Cassandra Jean Murin
- *◆ Erin Elizabeth Mykich
- ◆ Talia Napolitano
Jarrett Jason Niecgorski
Justin Alan Niziol
- ◆ Emily Lauren Olup
- ◆ Michael Dennis Opfer
- *◆+ Hanna Louise Pasqualini
- *◆ Jahnvi D. Patel
- ◆+ Pratham Pinal Patel
- ◆ Tanner Rae Patrick
Garrett Connor Patterson
- ◆ Tyler Shawn Paul
Logan D. Pazin
- ◆ Domenic F. Pearson
- *◆ Julia Gail Petrovich
- ◆ Becky H. Pham
- *◆ Noah Michael Pierce
Ryan John Pitschman
- *◆ Julia Rebecca Putignano
- *◆ Dalaney Maria Ranallo
Jayde Jedith Rega
- ◆ Isabella Rose Regna
- *◆ Jadyne Leigh Reinhart
- ◆ Austin Riley Renk
- *◆ Samuel Richard
Owen Richter
Emily Nicole Rimsky
- ◆ Jeremy Robert Rizzo
Nieyalii Yazul Fresneda Rodriguez
- *◆ Cathryn Maria Rossi
- ◆ Matthew Fred Rozanski
Ethan Nicholas Safran
- *◆ Julia Kathleen Saltzman
Christopher Michael Samolovitch
Jacob James Schmidt
- *◆ Jaclyn Marie Schwartz
Gauge William Scott
Hunter Lee Seas
- *◆ Lydia Jean Shaw
Hannah Elizabeth Singo
- ◆ Maxwell Emery Skalos
Brendan Thomas Sluk
- ◆ Breanna L. Smith
Victoria Lynn Smith
- *◆+ Maddie Colleen Sneddon
- ◆ Brandon Joseph Sobeck
- ◆ Kelsey Elizabeth Stachtariaris
Miranda S. Stanley
Lexis Jo Stephenson
Shane Stump
- ◆ Benjamin Stephen Sullivan
Dylan Gerald Sullivan
Drake Charles Sybolt
- ◆ Luke Thurner
- *◆ Zarchi Tun
- *◆+ Tyler Emma Turk
- *◆+ Kaitlyn Elizabeth Urbanowicz
- ◆ Brandon L. Vavra
Ryan Anthony Venora
James Vergallito
- *◆ Alyssa Jade Volomino
Noah Christopher Vrael
Lennon Friedrich Wagner
- *◆ Molly Elizabeth Wagner
Rylee Sha Walk
- ◆ Logan Warchola
- *◆+ Allison Jean Weidmann
- ◆ Bailey Marie Weisbrod
- ◆ Nathaniel James Werderber
- ◆ Ashley Nicole Werner
- ◆ Jack Edward Wessel
- *◆ Amanda Raine Williams
- ◆ Nathan Drew Williams
Haley Marie Woods
- *◆+ Liam Owen Woodward
- ◆ Savanna Wright
Rosemarie Joy Wysocki
- *◆ Natasha Sophia Yanief
- *◆ Mackenzie Rae Zang
- ◆ Annika Lorissa Zangrilli

*** National Honor Society**
◆ Honor Graduate/Presidential
Excellence Award Recipient
+ AP Scholar

These students upheld the following three standards of scholarship, attendance, and character to be recognized with honor.

Highest Honor Stole Indicates a QPA of 4.00 and above

Gold Cords Indicate a QPA of 3.6 to 3.99

Silver Cords Indicate a QPA of 3.2 to 3.59

(The appearance of a name does not ensure graduation.)

2020 Scholarships, Academic, Special and Service Awards

Mirza Ahmad

National Merit Finalist
Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica

Rachel Andreola

Société Honoraire de Français

Ethan Bell

U.S. Army

James Bernard

Matteo Music Scholarship

Kate Biddle

International Thespian Society Honor Bar Recipient
Scholar Athlete

Edward Blaker

International Thespian Society Honor Bar Recipient

Gillian Bowytz

International Thespian Society Honor Bar Recipient

Isabella Bucy

Scholar Athlete

William Bucy

Perfect Attendance Recognition

Jacquelyn Burich

Faculty Medallion - Business
West Jefferson Hills Chamber of Commerce Scholarship

Eric Burnstein

Scholar Athlete

Jordon Burnsworth

SCVT Award

Abigail Chalovich

Scholar Athlete
WPIAL Scholar/Athlete Award Program Winner

Alana Cleary

Scholar Athlete

Sarah Cocuzzi

Société Honoraire de Français

Maria Costa

Scholar Athlete

Jordan Crawford

Scholar Athlete
Société Honoraire de Français

Bowen Dame

Scholar Athlete

Angela Danen

International Thespian Society Honor Bar Recipient
Société Honoraire de Français

Daniel Deabner

Scholar Athlete

Alyssa DeAngelo

Scholar Athlete

Carly DeGruttola

Interact's "Four Way Test" Friendship Award

Camden Dimidjian

Scholar Athlete
Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica

Austin Dougherty

U.S. Air Force

McKechnie Duda

Brian Bauer Memorial Scholarship

Eric Holzworth Memorial Scholarship

G. Kenneth and Margaret B. Crawford
Memorial Scholarship

Perfect Attendance Recognition

Scholar Athlete

WPIAL Scholar/Athlete Award Program Winner

Caitlyn Dziadyk

Kyle S. Liebold Memorial Scholarship

Marcus Empey

U.S. Air Force

Tyler Failoni

SCVT Award

Mary Falstin

Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica

Jacob Fisher

Scholar Athlete

Julia Freedman

National Society of High School Scholars

Scholar Athlete

Taylor Gaito

Faculty Medallion - Science

Natalie Galioto

Eric Holzworth Memorial Scholarship

Robert Good Memorial Scholarship

Scholar Athlete

Dylan Gooch

Scholar Athlete

Ashleigh Haines

Scholar Athlete

Riley Hovan

Scholar Athlete

Michael Huber

Scholar Athlete

Anna Janosko

Scholar Athlete

Bailey Keck

SCVT Award

Annie Khuu

Société Honoraire de Français

Jenna Kisner

Scholar Athlete

Société Honoraire de Français

Dimitria Kondos

Scholar Athlete

Paige Krupp

Faculty Medallion - Music (Vocal)

International Thespian Society Honor Bar Recipient

Casey Lako

Margie Liberati Memorial Music Scholarship

TJ Arts Scholarship

Gabrielle Lamenza

Faculty Medallion - Foreign Language (Spanish)

Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica

Camryn Lanning

Faculty Medallion - Communications

Founder's Award

International Thespian Society Honor Bar Recipient

Vanessa Legeza

Faculty Medallion - English
Société Honoraire de Français

Duane Leiby

Scholar Athlete

Jerri Li

Perfect Attendance Recognition

Jaden Lotis

Jefferson Hills Intermediate PTA Scholarship

Alicia Lucas

Faculty Medallion - Social Studies

Mia Maddas

Scholar Athlete

Yash Maheshwari

Scholar Athlete

Mia Maksin

Scholar Athlete
Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica

Dylan Mallozzi

Scholar Athlete
Faculty Medallion - Physical Education

James Martinis

Jefferson Hills Intermediate PTA Scholarship
Scholar Athlete

Macie Mason

SCVT Award

Mason McGuirk

Interact's "Four Way Test" Fairness Award

Isaac McNeil

Scholar Athlete

Delaney Metikosh

International Thespian Society Honor Bar Recipient
Kathy Cecotti Memorial Scholarship
Société Honoraire de Français
TJ Arts Scholarship

Michelle Meucci

Faculty Medallion - Music (Instrumental)
Société Honoraire de Français

Natalie Moore

Harry A. Anton Memorial Scholarship
Scholar Athlete

Eliana Morano

Société Honoraire de Français

William Morano

Faculty Medallion - Computer Science
Scholar Athlete

Alaina Mulvihill

Scholar Athlete

Erin Mykich

Interact's Outstanding Service Scholarship

Talia Napolitano

Société Honoraire de Français

Emily Olup

Robert Good Superstar Award

Hanna Pasqualini

Scholar Athlete

Jahnvi Patel

Société Honoraire de Français

Tanner Patrick

Scholar Athlete
Société Honoraire de Français

Domenic Pearson

Scholar Athlete

Julia Petrovich

International Thespian Society Honor Bar Recipient

Noah Pierce

Scholar Athlete

Ryan Pitschman

SCVT Award

Julia Putignano

Edward Z. and Florence G. Bartolomeo
Memorial Scholarship
Eric Holzworth Memorial Scholarship
G. Kenneth and Margaret B. Crawford
Memorial Scholarship
Jefferson Hills Intermediate PTA Scholarship
Principal Leadership Award
Scholar Athlete
Société Honoraire de Français

Dalaney Ranallo

Scholar Athlete

Isabella Regna

Scholar Athlete

Jadyn Reinhart

Scholar Athlete

Samuel Richard

Scholar Athlete

Jeremy Rizzo

Société Honoraire de Français

Cathryn Rossi

Scholar Athlete

Matthew Rozanski

Scholar Athlete

Julia Saltzman

Scholar Athlete
Société Honoraire de Français

Jaclyn Schwartz

Albert Breisinger Memorial Scholarship
Interact's "Four Way Test" Truth Award
Jefferson Hills Intermediate PTA Scholarship
Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica, Premio de Honor

Lydia Shaw

Faculty Medallion - Industrial Tech
Scholar Athlete
Société Honoraire de Français

Brendan Sluk

Scholar Athlete

Breanna Smith

Scholar Athlete
Wroblewski Heart & Soul Award

Maddie Sneddon

G. Kenneth and Margaret B. Crawford
Memorial Scholarship
Interact's Outstanding Service Scholarship
Service About Self - Pleasant Hills Rotary Scholarship
Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica

Brandon Sobeck

Scholar Athlete

Kelsey Stachtiaris

Société Honoraire de Français

Shane Stump

Scholar Athlete

Luke Thurner

Scholar Athlete

Zarchi Tun

Faculty Medallion - Family & Consumer Science
Interact's "Four Way Test" Goodwill Award
Service About Self - Pleasant Hills Rotary Scholarship

Tyler Turk

Faculty Medallion - Foreign Language (French)
Scholar Athlete
Société Honoraire de Français

Kaitlyn Urbanowicz

Scholar Athlete
Société Honoraire de Français

Alyssa Volomino

Scholar Athlete

Molly Wagner

Scholar Athlete

Allison Weidmann

Scholar Athlete

Bailey Weisbrod

Scholar Athlete

Nathaniel Werderber

Scholar Athlete
U.S. Marines

Jack Wessel

Scholar Athlete

Amanda Williams

Scholar Athlete

Liam Woodward

Faculty Medallion - Math
National Merit Finalist

Natasha Yanief

Scholar Athlete

Mackenzie Zang

Beth Israel Scholarship
Faculty Medallion - Physical Education
JFT Scholarship
Kenneth G. Langfitt Memorial Scholarship
Robert F. Brown Memorial Scholarship
Robert Good Memorial Scholarship
Scholar Athlete
Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica

Annika Zangrilli

Faculty Medallion - Art

