

**SERIOUS** Commitment to the **SUCCESS** of Every Student



**Model UN Finishes Off A Great Year!**

The 2015-2016 Riverview High School Model United Nations Team has just concluded another extremely successful season. The team participated in six competitive conferences during the school year (including the prestigious Princeton, Columbia, and Johns Hopkins Conferences) and earned recognition in the form of awards at every conference. Many individuals including incoming freshmen to highly decorated seniors earned awards for the Riverview team this year. Also of note is that the team earned a first and second place finish at the Westminster College Model United Nations and a second and third place finish at the University of Pittsburgh Model United Nations Conference. Overall, the team earned 25 total awards for the school year. This marks the third consecutive year that the team has eclipsed the 20 award plateau and won awards at every conference attended. Congratulations to the entire 2015-2016 Riverview Model UN Team on another impressive year. Also, a final thank you to our five departing senior members. Mackenzie Osborn, Alexa Patsey, Daniel Fawcett, Sam Glaser and Nick Porovne have been integral members of the teams rise to success over the past few years. Their dedication and leadership will never be forgotten.

**RIVERVIEW APPOINTS NEW ATHLETIC DIRECTOR**

The Riverview School Board and administrative team took important steps to continue their mission of committing to the SERIOUS SUCCESS of every student. Mr. Mario Rometo was appointed as the district's new Athletic Director. Rometo began his new role on May 1st. From May to June he will work with current long-time Riverview Athletic Director Mr. Bob Kariotis, who retires on June 30th. Kariotis has graciously agreed to mentor and transition Rometo into the various aspects of the position. Mr. Kariotis, indicated that "Rometo's multi-faceted experience and knowledge of various sports, as well as his dedication as a teacher and coach should make him a great addition to our team".

Rometo, who has served as a Physical Education teacher with the district is a familiar face to the student body, staff and community. In addition to serving in various coaching roles, he has held faculty positions including being the sponsor of Students Against Drunk Driving. Rometo currently holds a Masters Degree in Curriculum and a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education.

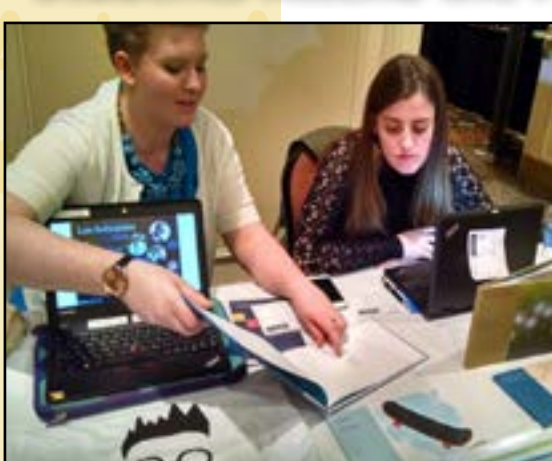
Mr. Randy Rovesti, (current Gateway Athletic Director and former Norwin Athletic Director) indicated that he has also served as mentor to Rometo. Rovesti indicated that "while Riverview School District is categorized as a Single A district, in reality, Riverview offers opportunities to its students similar to AAAA schools. Based on my experiences with Mr. Rometo, his work ethic, demeanor, and knowledge in the field make him the perfect candidate to take on the AD role. Under his leadership, Mario will bring an enthusiasm and attitude to the Athletic Program at Riverview that results in significant positive impact on students". Rometo shared that he looks forward to his new role with great excitement and enthusiasm and looks forward to working with all of the teaching staff, coaches, administrators, students, and families. "Our goals are to make Riverview Athletics one of the top notch programs in Western Pennsylvania, while providing our student athletes with all the necessary tools and values that they need to succeed once they leave Riverview High School."

**National Girls and Women Day Event at Chatham**



Four Riverview Senior girls represented the Riverview School District at the 22nd Annual National Girls and Women in Sports Day Event at Chatham University. The event was attended by Nikki Polens, Nicole Munion, Molly Kennedy, Candice Ashbaugh, Head Girls Basketball Coach Keith Stitt and Athletic Director Bob Kariotis. Riverview scholar-athletes were all nominated to attend the event based upon their athletic and academic excellence. Many WPIAL schools were invited to this prestigious event, and Riverview was thrilled when Molly Kennedy was named the winner of the Senior "Pat Blayden Spirit of Sports Award". The award is presented to the top female athlete based on her academic, athletic, community service and sportsmanship attributes. Molly received a medal and recognition at the banquet during the festivities. Congratulations to Molly, Candice, Nicole and Nikki as nominees for this event, and for the contributions each of you made during your careers at Riverview!

**Students Attend the Pete&C Conference in Hershey**



During February several Riverview students joined their teacher, Ms. Rachelle Poth and participated in the PETE&C Technology Conference held in Hershey, PA. The Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo and Conference (PETE&C) is a statewide event that provides quality programs focused on technology in the educational field. Each year, hundreds of exhibitors showcase their latest technology products and services to the vast audience of teachers, administrators, technology directors, and school board members.

During PETE&C the students had the opportunity to meet with George Couros, the keynote speaker and author of Innovator's Mindset. People commented on how impressed they were by the professionalism of Riverview students and how well they demonstrated and explained what they were doing in school. It is amazing and very impressive to see the students sharing their information, teaching others what they know, and being so proud of the work they do. Riverview students were invited to participate again in the PAECT technology student showcase in May. For a peek at some of the showcases see [http://video.paiunet.org/pete\\_and\\_c\\_virtual\\_conference/session03](http://video.paiunet.org/pete_and_c_virtual_conference/session03)

**Sadie Buchser Becomes 1st RHS Cager Classic MVP!**

Riverview's Sadie Buchser knows what it's like playing against top-notch talent. This past season, her Raiders played 21 of 25 of their games against playoff teams.

So playing against tough competition came naturally to the senior as she won East MVP in a 68-63 victory over the West in the 20th annual Cager Classic all-star event at Highlands. Buchser had 14 points, five rebounds and two key steals Saturday night.

"We definitely played the top teams, especially in the section with North (Catholic) and Vincencian," Buchser said. "Tonight was still a little different than playing them. It's fun to play against great competition."

The East took an 11-9 lead in the all-time series in what proved to be one of the most closely contested games. After the East took a quick 9-2 lead, neither team had more than a four-point lead until Buchser hit a free throw with 3:21 left, then made a 12-foot jumper to make it 68-61.

"It was really fun getting the opportunity to play. It was definitely different from school ball," Buchser said. "It was really fun to be out there with them."

Buchser is headed for Thiel College in Mercer County and is hoping to play basketball and softball if they mesh well with her academic load.

**History Day Finals Awards**

Thirty Riverview students competed against 8 other schools and approximately 150 students in the annual National History Day regional finals at the Senator John Heinz History Center. Students who participate in the National History Day competition can compete in one of five categories (exhibits, website creation, documentary, performance, or historical papers) and can choose to work in a group or as an individual. The first, second, and third place winners at the competition advance to the National History Day State Finals in May. Five teams of students from Riverview won awards at the competition and will be advancing to the State Finals to be held at Millersville University.

**The teams winning awards include:**

**1st Place:** Paige Presutti, Ally Jendrasik, Katelyn Davis, Izzy Komaniak for their Senior Group Exhibit entitled "The Trials of the Salem Witch Panic: An Exchange with Fear in Society"

**2nd Place:** Cassie DeBacco, Grace Ison, Rachel Aber and Ryann Heffley for their Senior Group Performance entitled "The 1979 Iranian Revolution: Exploring A New Life and Exchanging Perspectives"

**3rd Place:** Celaine Hornsby, Megan Dell, and Summer Girson for their Senior Group Documentary entitled "How and Encounter with a Bug Changed the Cyber World: Exploring the Career of Grace Hopper"

**3rd Place:** Lara Pietz and Meredith Kocur for their Senior Group Exhibit entitled "Every Time the Death Bell Rings, A Mosquito Stings"

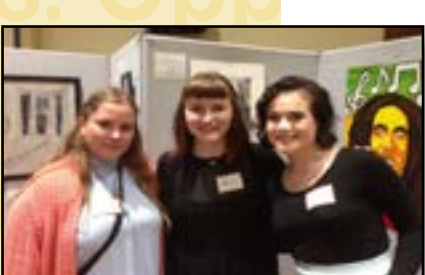
**3rd Place:** Emmie Balkovec and Jenna Joseph for their Senior Group Website entitled "Children of the Holocaust: Exploring Anti-Semitism, Encountering Death, and Exchanging Solutions"

Congratulations to all participants!!!

**Riverview Freshman "Set the Bar High" in the EuroChallenge Competition**

In March, a team of three Riverview freshmen competed in the annual Pittsburgh Regional EuroChallenge. The EuroChallenge Competition is a national event that asks students to learn and explain economic concepts such as inflation, Gross Domestic Product, and unemployment and apply these concepts in order to propose a viable solution for an issue facing one of the nations in the Eurozone. The team of Kalen Crowell, Veronica Gibson, and Louisa Miguez chose to research the problem of population decline in Latvia. After some initial research the team realized that there were many problems connected with population decline in Latvia. The team then created an elaborate plan to reallocate resources in order to improve education and focus on retaining educated youth in Latvia.

The Riverview team finished second in this competition and was told by the judges that they had "set the bar high" and left "no need for questions" at the end of their presentation. While the team fell short of its goal of competing in the national finals in New York City, they became the highest finishing Riverview team ever in this competition and created a plan that could actually help Latvia in its quest to reverse its population decline. Congratulations!



**Sierra Weir Wins Honorable Mention**

Three Riverview students, Sierra Weir, Emma Patterson, and Viktoria Katunina, represented the 14th district Congressional District High School Art Competition. Sierra Weir received an Honorable Mention out of the 74 participants. Each of the three Riverview students also received Congressional recognition and their names were read on "the House Floor".

This annual event supports the arts and eventually the United States and the finalists will compete against the other districts in PA and across the one will be chosen to represent the state of PA and with their artwork placed in the nations capital for one year.

**BotsIQ Team Best Performance Ever!**

Led by seniors Jerry Lyons, Aidan Hill, and Kyle Moore, the BotsIQ team finished 6th out of 36 teams at the Southwest PA prelims. The team's robot, "Spinal Fusion", won four bouts defeating Charleroi, Serra Catholic, and Homeshoolers, and totally destroying the robot from Greene City Homeschoolers, before receiving a catastrophic blow to the rear wheel from Canon MacMillan and bowing out in the consolation semi-finals. The team would like to thank sponsors, Conco Inc. of Verona and VersaFab Inc. of New Kensington, whose support makes this program possible.



**Team members include:**

Jerry Lyons, Aidan Hill, Ben Rushin, Brian Rossi, Kyle Moore, Andy Galata, Liam Murray, Nyah Keller, Kalen Crowell, Louisa Miguez, Summer Girson, Forrest Steele, Joley Flanick, Ian Kobal, Jake Glaser, Christian Naser

**Tenth Street Team Wins Trophy at Battery Powered Car Race**

The 24th Annual Battery Powered Car Race was held at Duquesne University. There were 61 teams competing in the event from schools all over western PA. Students were given a battery and a motor, then had to create their own car and a powerpoint explaining their design process. Each team was given 3 time trials and the fastest 16 teams made it to the playoffs. Congratulations to the three of the four 10th Street teams who made it to the playoffs. When it was all over, we came in 10th, 6th, and 3rd place. Our third place team was awarded a sports trophy and students were on how well their cars performed.



**HOOPS for HEARTS**

Grades k-6 students in Mrs. SPOHN's gym classes at Verner Elementary participated in the "HOOPS for HEARTS" program sponsored by the American Heart Association. This schoolwide event was a great fundraiser to support healthy hearts research. The 3 top fundraisers were Jocelyn Cooper: grade 4, Jacob Bigenho: grade 2 and Joey Inzinga: grade 5. Winners are invited to participate in a Pirate Pre-game prior to the game at PNC Park. The game will be held on May 22, 2016. Congratulations Verner Elementary Students!



For more information please visit our website at [www.rsd.k12.pa.us](http://www.rsd.k12.pa.us)

**Dates to Remember**

- Elementary/HS Chorus Concert 7:30 PM May 10
- Senior Honors Assembly 7:00 PM May 11 (The Oaks)
- Side By Side Concert 7:00 PM May 12
- Prom Promenade May 14
- Elementary Band/Orchestra Concert 7:00 PM May 17
- HS Band/Orchestra Concert 7:30 PM May 19
- Tenth Street Field Day May 20

- Jazz band Concert 7:30 PM May 25
- Senior Olympic Day May 27
- 8th Grade American Legion Awards 9:20 AM May 27
- Verner Field Day May 27
- No School Memorial day May 30
- Graduation June 2
- Last Day for Students June 2