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NEW EAGLE SCOUTS AND 5TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED

Scouts BSA Troop 19

In a heartwarming ceremony held at St. Rose of Lima Church, Scout BSA Troop 19 marked a significant milestone by celebrating its 5th anniversary and honoring three exceptional scouts with the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout.

Life Scout Sylvie Benjamin and First Class Scout Suhaani Tiwari welcomed attendees and introduced the evening's proceedings. An invocation was delivered by Sister Sandy DeMasi.

Troop 19's Senior Patrol Leader, Chloe Benjamin, shared her experiences and pride in the troop's growth over the past five years. Scoutmaster-Emeritus Daniel Cannon also addressed the audience and scouts.

Scoutmaster James McKenna, who just concluded his first year at the helm, assisted Scoutmaster-Emeritus Cannon in presenting an Eagle Cord to the graduating high school senior Eagle Scouts.

The highlight of the evening was the recognition of Troop 19's newest Eagle Scouts: Natalie Daniewski, Kelsey Quane, and Emma Laffler. The trio are all founding members of Troop 19 and impressively represent the ninth, tenth, and eleventh Eagle Scouts since the troop's inception in 2019. Each scout's journey to Eagle was highlighted, showcasing their leadership roles and community service projects.

Natalie Daniewski's Eagle Scout leadership project involved refurbishing a shed for Essex County Parks. Her project not only improved the park's facilities but also demonstrated her commitment to environmental stewardship.

Kelsey Quane's Eagle Scout leadership project consisted primarily of a shoe drive for Samaritan's Feet, an international organization that provides shoes to those in need. Her efforts resulted in over 500 pairs of shoes being donated.

Emma Laffler's Eagle Scout leadership project involved constructing lifejacket racks for the Essex County Environmental Center. Recognizing the need for proper storage of lifejackets used in various water activities, Emma designed and built sturdy racks that ensure the safety equipment is easily accessible and well-maintained.

The ceremony also included the presentation of the Eagle pin and patch by the scouts' parents, symbolizing the crucial role families play in supporting their scouts. The Eagle Scouts then received an Eagle Scout neckerchief, officially joining the distinguished ranks of Eagle Scouts.

The ceremony was further enriched by the presence of Eagle Scouts Katie Cannon, Bridget Lomax, Morgan Lomax, and Maanya Jha, who led the Eagle Charge. Their inspiring words encouraged the new Eagle Scouts to uphold the values



(above) Scoutmaster James McKenna and newly pinned Eagle Scouts Natalie Daniewski, Emma Laffler and Kelsey Quane.

Courtesy photo

and responsibilities of their rank, emphasizing the importance of leadership and service.

In addition to celebrating the Eagle Scouts, the event recognized the accomplishments of other troop scouts. Over 40 merit badges were awarded since the last Court of Honor in the fall of 2023, and various scouts advanced in rank, reflecting the troop's continued commitment to growth and development.

Representatives from government and veteran organizations attended, including Millburn Township Mayor Annette Romano and Sons of American Legion Squadron 140's Vice Commander Ryan Cannon.

The concluding Scoutmaster Minute, delivered by Scoutmaster McKenna, focused on a promise for a bright future for Troop 19, inspiring the next generation of aspiring Eagle Scouts to aim high and serve their community with dedication and pride.

Scouts BSA Troop 19 is chartered at St. Rose of Lima Church in Short Hills, NJ. All girls ages 11-17 are welcome to join. For additional information, please visit troop19shorthills.membershiptoolkit.com.

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23RD ANNUAL DRIVE FOR AUTISM GOLF EVENT

Drive for Autism Foundation

The Drive for Autism Foundation is pleased to announce that its annual golf event, Drive for Autism XXIII will be held at Royce Brook Golf Club in Hillsborough, NJ on Monday September 16, 2024.

The Drive for Autism Golf Outing, which has been held since 2002 has raised and distributed over \$855,000 to local school programs. Previous beneficiaries of grants were Morris Union Jointure Commission (New Providence, NJ), Salt Brook School (New Providence, NJ), AW Roberts School (New Providence, NJ), Union County Educational Services Foundation/Crossroads School (Westfield, NJ), Educational Partnership for Instructing Children (Paramus, NJ), Young Life (greater Summit area), Eden II/Genesis Programs (Staten Island, NY), Spectrum360 - formally The Children's Institute (Verona, NJ), and Seton Foundation/Mother Francheska Elementary School (Staten Island, NY).

Grant recipients use money to fund Health and Fitness Programs, Social Skills Programs, educational curriculum and teacher training, a van for community trips and transportation to job training centers, laptop computers, computer touch screens, iPads, video projectors and educational toys and games

The golf event is the main fundraising function for the foundation. Single golfers and foursomes are welcome as well as, product donations and corporate sponsorships. To register online please go to: birdease.com/DriveforAutismXXIII

ABOUT DRIVE FOR AUTISM FOUNDATION:

Based in New Providence, New Jersey, The Drive for Autism Foundation (EIN#20-1760417), is a 501(3)(c) tax exempt public charity that was created in the Spring of 2002 for the sole purpose of raising and distributing funds for educational facilities specializing in students with autism.

DRIVE FOR AUTISM GOLF OUTING 2024

The Drive for Autism XXIII is scheduled for Monday Sept 16, 2024, at Royce Brook Golf Club in Hillsborough, NJ. The event consists of a morning round of golf followed by a barbeque. Special events include golf contests, raffles and a silent auction of sports memorabilia, game tickets and golf trips.

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Congratulations to all of our graduates and their families!



MILLBURN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT GIVES BACK

The Other Side of the End Zone

The Other Side of the End Zone is a charitable scholarship fund started by Millburn High School student, Gavin Sherman. Gavin plays on Millburn's football team and, in an effort to help other local student athletes, he started this exceptional charity in late 2023. The Other Side of the End Zone is dedicated to providing financial assistance to underprivileged high school students who excel in football, helping them pursue higher education and achieve their academic and athletic goals. The goal is to raise funds to provide college scholarships specifically to these student athletes. Recipients need to demonstrate strong academics and character traits in addition to excellence on the football field.

On June 5, 2024, The Other Side of the End Zone awarded its first scholarship, in the amount of \$5,000, to Kaemir Carter, a graduating senior at West Side High School in Newark. Kaemir was an offensive and defensive lineman for West Side's football team, in addition to being on the basketball and track teams. Kaemir will be attending Kean University in the fall where he will also be playing football.

For more information on The Other Side of the End Zone, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, or to make a contribution, please visit tosotez.org.



(above) Kaemir Carter receives a \$5,000 scholarship from The Other Side of the End Zone, presented by Gavin Sherman.

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107TH ANNUAL ELKS PARADE

Summit Elks

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Immediately following was Leading Knight Rocco DiPiano who organized two dozen Elks with Summit's 20 x 40 USA Flag. At the reviewing stand of NJ State Elk Parade Judges, Rocco called an "audible" to have Summit Elks closest to the judges stand lower our USA Flag to the ground while those furthest away raised our Grand Ol'Flag on High. The judges, went "Wild in Wildwood!" Summit was awarded 3rd place for parade honors among all 107 NJ Lodges who participated.

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(above) Summit Lodge #1246 Leading Knight Rocco DiPiano organizes Summit's Flag Team of 2 Dozen Strong to carry the USA Flag on High @ The NJ Elks State Convention Parade on Saturday June 6 in Wildwood. Summit won 3rd Place Honors.

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BSA TROOP 17 NEW MEXICO ADVENTURE

Submitted by Jose L., Crew Leader

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Some other highlights include summiting Mount Baldy and getting some awesome views as well as learning how to shoot black powder rifles and throwing tomahawks at Miranda. Overall, everyone had a great time!

BSA Troop 17 meets on Thursday nights at St. Rose of Lima in Short Hills from September to June. Please visit Troop17ShortHills.com to learn more.



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**Concert: The 1950's Experience
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Saturday, August 3, 3-4pm, Auditorium

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After Hours at the Library: Bad Art Night
Friday, August 23, 6-8pm, Auditorium
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PROGRAMS FOR KIDS:

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*Friday August 2, 4-4:45pm,
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**Adventure Begins! Storytelling
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Bubble Blast!

*Wednesday August 21, 4-5pm,
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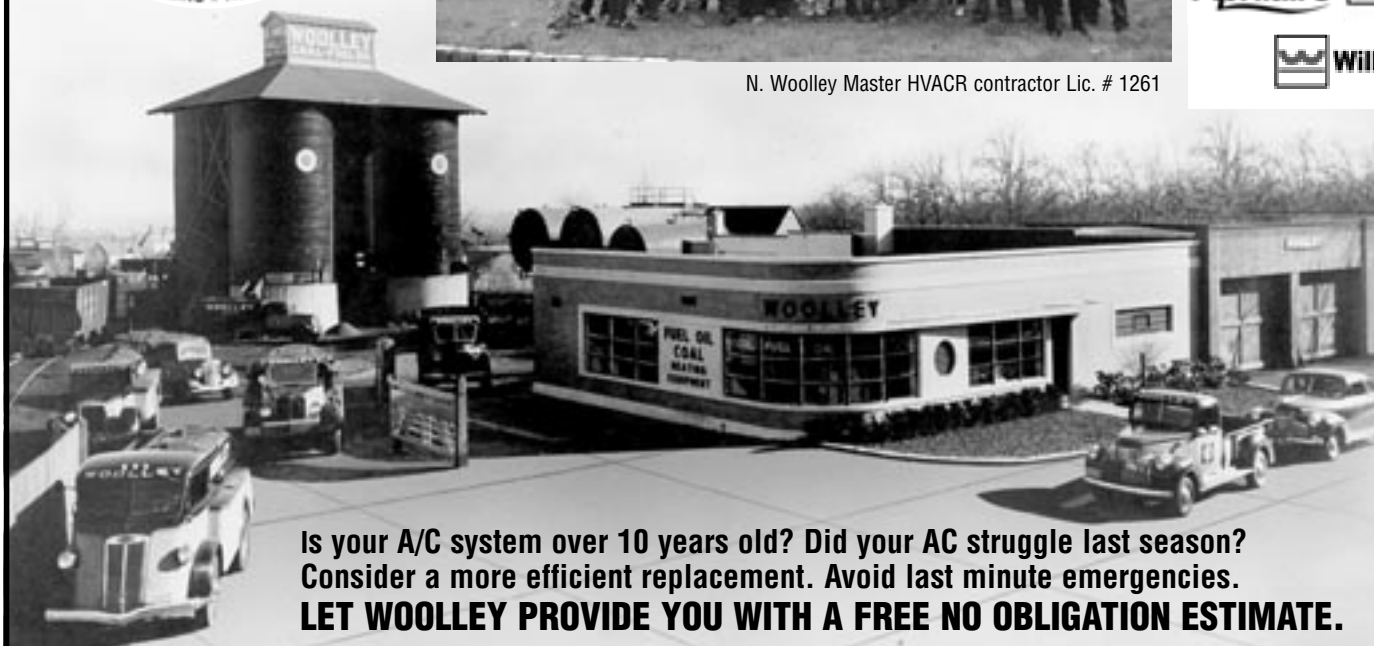
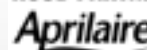
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MHS JUNIORS RECEIVE ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONORS

Millburn Township Public Schools

Acting Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Kate Diskin and Principal of Millburn High School, Dr. William Miron, announce the 2024 Junior Awards, presented annually to rising seniors. These are awards that are given to high school juniors who show outstanding promise and accomplishments.

29 MHS juniors received Junior Awards this year. These awards are given to outstanding high school juniors by colleges and universities or their local alumni organizations. There are also special honors awarded by the state, local organizations and corporations.

Casey Liu received the Brandeis University Book Award, given to an outstanding high school junior in the top 10% of the class who demonstrates a commitment to civic engagement, community service, political activism or social justice.

The Brown University Book Award is presented to a junior who best combines academic excellence with clarity in written and spoken expression. The award itself is a book written by a Brown University faculty member or alumnus. This year's award goes to Keigo Fujita.

Tanvi Akunuri and Naina Grover earned the Bryn Mawr College Book Award, which is offered to a young woman who exhibits intellectual commitment, a self-directed and purposeful vision of the future and a desire to make a meaningful contribution to the world.

Benjamin Li is the recipient of the Chatham University Book Award, which is awarded to a high school junior who shows promise in the study of Science or English and who is deeply concerned about the environment.

The Clarkson University Book Award goes to Jacob Warner and Grant Zhou in recognition of their strong leadership qualities, positive impacts on their high school and local community, and proven record of academic excellence.

Angie Liu earned the Columbia University Club of Northern New Jersey Book Award. This award is presented to a junior who demonstrates personal character, extracurricular contribution to the school, and dedication to a field of personal interest.

The Cornell University Book Award is given to a junior who exhibits the Cornell characteristics of academic excellence, intellectual curiosity and community involvement. This year the award goes to Neel Ahuja.

The Yale Club of Central New Jersey's Joseph I Bookstaber Book Award is presented to Aarav Dugar. This award is given in memory of Joseph Bookstaber, a 1996 graduate of Millburn High School, to a student who exhibits outstanding personal character and intellectual promise.

The Millburn High School Engineering Award is awarded by the Physics department of the student who placed first in the Bridge Building Competition, Terrence Yang

The Princeton University Book Award is being presented to Henry Li. This award is given to a junior who ranks in the top 5% of his or her class and has demonstrated outstanding leadership and community service.

The Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Award is presented to an outstanding junior in math and science. This year's recipient is Charles Wang.

The Saint Anselm College Book Award honors a junior who has displayed high academic achievement, has an awareness of social responsibility, displays leadership qualities, and possesses a strong character. Gabrielle Facktor earned this award.

St. John's (Santa Fe) College Book Award is designed to recognize an exceptional high school junior for intellectual curiosity, academic achievement and enduring interest in at least two of the following areas: philosophy, literature, science, mathematics or history. This award goes to Anshrutha Shrinivas.

St. Lawrence University Book Award honors Arya Gandhi as a high school junior who has displayed a significant commitment to community service.

Richard Dong and Marcus Patti are the recipients of the Saint Michael's College Book Award. This award recognizes a junior who exemplifies academic achievement and social conscience, evidenced through commitment to community service, issues of peace and justice and concern for others.

The Smith College Book Award was given to Maya Abraham. This award is presented to an

outstanding junior who exemplifies the academic achievement, leadership qualities, and concern for others that are characteristics of the women who have graduated from Smith College.

Alexander Wong earned the Tulane University Book Award that recognizes a junior who has demonstrated excellence in academics, leadership, public service and embodies the motto "The needs of the many outweigh the needs of oneself."

The University of Chicago Book Award is given to a junior known for making connections across academic disciplines, is scholarly and dynamic, and a visible member both of the student body and the greater community. This year's recipient is Charles Wang.

Two students, Gesi Huang and Yaxi Huang, are receiving the University of Pennsylvania Book Award, sponsored by the Metropolitan New Jersey Alumni Club. This award is presented to 2 juniors who best exemplify the qualities of Benjamin Franklin -- a scholar, innovator, and community servant.

University of Rochester Awards

Som Chandrashekar earned the Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award in the Humanities and Social Sciences. This University of Rochester Award recognizes the academic achievement of a student who exemplifies the revolutionary spirit of Douglass and Anthony, encouraging an equal emphasis on study, community action and dialogue.

George Eastman Young Leaders Award

The Young Leaders award goes to a junior who exhibits strong leadership, high grades and extensive involvement in extracurricular activities. This year's award goes to Aaron Pan.

Bausch + Lomb Honorary Science Award: Keigo Fujita received this award that honors outstanding high school science students who have demonstrated high achievement and rigor in science classes, along with positive contributions to their school and within the larger community.

Xerox Award for Innovation and Information Technology: This award goes to a junior who demonstrates outstanding achievements in computer science, enthusiasm in pursuit of innovative approaches and appreciation for the possibilities of technology. This award goes to Selihom Desalegn.

Dwight D. Eisenhower Award (West Point): The Dwight D. Eisenhower Leadership Award is designed to honor an exceptional Junior who has demonstrated outstanding attributes of character, service and leadership. The award has been given to Samantha Rose.

Boys State (American Legion) Leadership Conference Started in 1946, this week-long program, sponsored by the American Legion, unites boys from all parts of New Jersey each summer to learn about Municipal, County and State Government and good citizenship. Delegates are selected by the local chapter and MHS Faculty. This year's Delegates are: Ethan Bitan, Arav Wahl, and Michael Williams-Owolabi.



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