



## *Superintendent's Report*

To: Board Members

From: Leah M. Christman

Date: April 22, 2013

- Congratulations to Mr. Colelli and the Technology Student Association students for qualifying for national competition with their wins at the State TSA State Leadership Conference recently held at Seven Springs. Two juniors placed first overall in the Video Game Design event. They are now back-to-back state champions. Two freshmen placed second in the same event. These four qualify for the National Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida in June. Two other students placed in the top 10 in both CAD events, Architectural CAD and Engineering CAD. Additionally, Mr. Colelli was informed by the state TSA coordinator at the Department of Education, that our TSA chapter has been nominated for the outstanding chapter in the state of Pennsylvania. This award will be given out at the national conference.
- Congratulations to Mrs. Organski and the Future Business Leaders of America students for qualifying for national competition with their wins at the State FBLA State Leadership Conference also recently held at Seven Springs. Nikos M. finished 1st in his category of Hospitality Management. The team of Thomas S. and Somanpreet S. finished 5th in their category - Marketing. Also, the club received an award for the highest per capita contribution to this year's state charity project of the Pennsylvania Trauma Society. Nikos' #1 finish also qualified him for the national competition - so he will be competing not only in the FBLA event for Life Smarts along with Thomas, Felicia and Ciara, but he will also be competing in the Hospitality Management event as an individual.
- Congratulations to one of our Hopewell students and his vision support teacher, Ms. Bethann Molinari who have been recognized as one of ten winners to attend the Philadelphia Phillies Teacher Appreciation Night at the Phillies game on Friday, May 3rd against the Miami Marlins. Without her knowledge, this second grader, nominated Ms. Molinari as his Teacher All-Star in a contest sponsored by the Phillies and The Philadelphia Inquirer. They have been working together since he was four years old and attending preschool. As his vision support teacher, Ms. Molinari has taught him how to read and write in Braille. Ms. Molinari Brailles his instructional materials in order for him to participate and complete the same instructional activities as his classmates. He wrote that Ms. Molinari has taught him to read and write in Braille and it's because of her that he does so well. He also stated she is a big Phillies fan! Both student and teacher will participate in a special awards ceremony prior to the game on Friday, May 3rd. Ms. Molinari is employed by the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit, and reports to Hopewell each day to provide Braille instruction in reading and writing.
- Congratulations to Isabela U., our Donley Awards for Excellence recipient for 2012. In addition to her many school & community activities, Isabela **was accepted** to the following: Stanford (early action); Yale (regular decision); Duke; Vanderbilt (full tuition scholarship); UCLA; Berkley; UNC; Penn State Schreyers Honors College; Wake Forest; UVA; Emory (\$15,000 a yr.); Princeton – wait-listed. Isabela is still considering her options and will make a decision very soon.
- Mrs. Lewis coordinated monitoring of our Federal Programs (Title 1 & 2) with a PDE Representative this week. A few non-compliance issues were uncovered that we will be working to correct. The final report will be shared with the Education Committee when it is received.
- We received notice from PenSPRA – Pennsylvania School Public Relations Association that the District website has won an **Award of Honor**. ([List of winners](#)) ([Award Certificate](#)). The District does belong to this organization.