

ACADEMIC ALL-STARS



Meghan Andersen

School: Penn Cambria.
GPA: 103%.
Achievements: Soccer and basketball captain, Pink Panther Organization president, NHS vice president, student council treasurer, SADD and senior executive committee.
College: Davis & Elkins College, majoring in pre-pharmacy.
Parents: Thomas and Jennifer Andersen.



Cassidy Burkett

School: Portage Area.
GPA: 4.0.
Achievements: NHS, captain of varsity basketball, cross country and track and senior class vice president.
College: University of Pittsburgh, majoring in engineering.
Parents: Jeremy and Amy Burkett.



Sienna Mihaly

School: Richland.
GPA: 102.42%.
Achievements: NHS president, high honor roll, class leadership board, Academic Excellence Award, varsity tennis captain and Mu Alpha Theta.
College: Penn State University, majoring in pre-medicine.
Parents: Carolyn Mihaly and Csaba Mihaly.



Autumn Mowry

School: Rockwood Area.
GPA: 4.17.
Achievements: Completed basic combat training for Army National Guard.
College: Pitt-Johnstown, majoring in nursing, and attend advanced individual training to become a combat medic in the National Guard.
Parents: Christopher and Kathy Mowry.



Lance Jones

School: Salisbury-Elk Lick.
GPA: 3.8.
Achievements: All-State basketball and football, NHS and community service work with junior basketball program.
Career: Attend college and become Pennsylvania state trooper.
Parents: Travis and Rebecca Jones.



Kennedy Landis

School: Shade-Central City.
GPA: 4.024.
Achievements: Women in STEM Award, Soroptimist of Somerset County Award, senior class treasurer, NHS historian, student council, four-year letter in volleyball, two-year letter in softball and basketball.
College: Shippensburg University, majoring in biology.
Parents: Mark and Stephanie Landis.



Matthew Miller

School: Shanksville-Stonycreek.
GPA: 3.95.
Achievements: NHS, baseball, Scholastic Quiz and band.
College: Shippensburg University, majoring in research mathematics.
Parent: Laura Miller.



Ella Lowry

School: Somerset Area.
GPA: 102.52%.
Achievements: NHS vice president, FNHS, Interact Club, district and regional orchestra, Tri-M, Mu Alpha Theta and French Club.
College: University of Pittsburgh, then West Virginia University, with master's degree in pathologist assistant.
Parents: Rebecca Lowry and Mike and Kristen Lowry.



Jessica Pepe

School: Turkeyfoot Valley Area.
GPA: 4.07.
Achievements: Student of the month and year, Challenge Program winner for academic excellence, STEM, attendance, Exchange Club and Lions Club student of the month.
College: West Virginia University, majoring in exercise physiology.
Parents: Harry and Shannon Pepe.



Mya Cook

School: United.
GPA: 101.12%.
Achievements: NHS, Quiz Bowl, Environment, chief science officers, heritage science, marching band drum major, concert band and Tri-M Music Honor Society.
College: Slippery Rock University, majoring in environmental science.
Parents: Jason and Amy Cook.



Addison Arnold

School: Westmont Hilltop.
GPA: 101.97%.
Achievements: Student council president, senior class secretary, varsity soccer captain, varsity tennis captain, Outdoor Odyssey volunteer, NHS, TSA and World Language Club.
College: Clemson University, majoring in health sciences.
Parent: Michelle Arnold.



Benjamin Steinbeck

School: Windber Area.
GPA: 4.9.
Achievements: District 5 PIAA Individual Golf champion for 2024 and 2025, varsity golf 18-hole record of 65, organized golf outing that raised \$15,300 for ALS Foundation and AP Scholar of Distinction.
College: Duquesne University, majoring in business and law.
Parents: Jim and Cheryl Steinbeck.

COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENTS

Portage Elementary School

The following students were named to the honor roll for the third marking period:

Grade 6, high honor: Benjamin Burkett, Clara Dubreucq, Maxwell Erzal, James Giles, Dante Giordano, Elizabeth Gutshall, Liam Haney, Levi Hutzell, Alyssa Klayko, Micah Kostan, Esmee Lidwell, Ava Myers, Konner Myers, Connor Pacsai, Kaylee Redfern and Payton Ruffing.

Honor: Lenix Armstrong, Callie Baker, Easton Briggs, Dalton Duttry, Makayla Ebersole, Peyton Feeney, Connor Fetsko, Hayden Fogle, Cassidy Gruse, Jaylen Haley-Torres, Aaliyah Kapustka, Jaxon Kegg, Isabella Konchan, Ethan Kreutzberger, Jackkey Long, Aaleyah Melius, Palesch Murphy, Emma Layo, Ryleigh Marsh, Ashtyn Phillips, Adelina Pocesta, Kaylee Richardson, Paisley Richardson, Maria Ringle, Liam Rose, Alexis Vena and Joraya Walker.

Honor: Caiden Angel, Elijah Barto, Jacob Boland, Noah Chapman, Caden Drummer, Anthony Furren, Briella Ferrara, Benjamin Fox, Dustin Gearhart, Tyson Grove, Alana Kapustka, Jason Kephart, Calliope Kessler, Dallas Kiel, Joseph McKrush, Mikayla Pinto, Emma Reed and Henry Seiko.

Grade 4, high honor: Lucy Bilchak, Mary Dubreucq, Brock Erzal, Cassie Gouse, Lucy Harrington, Ella Hoffman, Jacob Kreutzberger, Kennedy Lingenfelter, Kelsey Maul, Kyla Myers, Nikodemus Noel, Colton Palesch, Jacob Pisarski, Alysha Stantz, Iris Willinsky and Lily Woodley.

Honor: Trevor Angel, Hudson Baker, Dominic Bilchak, Rory Gailey, Ethan Gentile, Emmitt Giles, Emmanuelle Herr, Mia Holsinger, Deklen House, Joshua Keithley, Collins Lee, Emma Lamar, Collins Lee, Ryker Melius, Raelynn Peshkin, Emily Stauski and Abel Williams.

Grade 3, high honor: Gavin Benton, Josie Buck, Laiken Burkett, Grace Franey, Eleanor Fuller, Ella Fuzie, Daxtan Golden, Ella Heckman, Mason Helsel, Colton Hodgkins, Adelynn Krinjeck, Romulo Mendivil, Margo Myers, Charles Onder, Benjamin Pacsai, Lydia Pasierb, Taedyn Randall, Brinlee Riggleman, Julia Shuniak, Ava Stancovich, Tanner Zaman and Jackson Zuvers.

Honor: Zack Ahlborn, Opal Armstrong, Owen Bimle, Jamison Clark, Grace Goisovich, Ayden Harris, Myles Kargo, Maverick Kauffman, Luke Kephart, Ayden Klett, Cole Maul, Jeremiah McIntyre, Layla McIntyre, Braydon Minor, Lyla Moore, Kolbe Murphy, Presley Myers, Elizabeth Rossell, Ryleigh Ruffing, Brynlee Rusnak, Grayson Scarton, Lybbi Seaman, Travis

Smith, Ariella Thompson, Dean Vena, Malia Voss and Sebastian Willinsky.

Ligonier Valley High School

The following students were named to the honor roll for the third marking period:

Seniors, distinguished honor: Emma Betz, Lily Dorr, Austin Dunn, Desoto Horner, Sydney Hoyman, Samera Johnson, Tyler Jones, Lydia Jean Kelly, David Keys, Eli King, Anthony Lonas, Levi Moser, Cole Pelesky, Jacob Petalino, Maggie Peters, Boden Schreyer, Anna Stauffer, Bryce Vida and Kaeleb Wible.

High honor: William Bee, Alec Brisendine, Jenna Deyarmin, Connor Faas, Allison Heffelfinger, Cole Henry, Luke Kinkaid, Cameron Kunkle, Marlaina McCaffrey, Brennan Penrose, Joseph Piper, Miley Plude, Abigail Springer, Emily Stewart and Adelynn Witcoski.

Honor: Ciara Ackerman, Cali Bachner, Jake Blystone, Cody Brant, Logan Deist, Claudia Donaldson, Levi Hall, Nolan Huba, Timothy Ickes, Ava Kishlock, Sophia LaMantia, Sadie Lancashire, Dante Lyles, Kenzlee Machak, Joseph Moore, Marcus Niehenke, Simeon Pope, Zemirah Robertson, Haileigh Ross, Ella Silvis, Zachary Smykal, Brody Stitt and Anthony Tuschong.

Juniors, distinguished honor: Alyssa Anderson, Sofia Ayers, Nathan

Beech, Cheyanne Carney, Isabella Dolton, Knation Drury, Allison Froemke, Anthony Grubb, Corinne Gunter, Araina Hamley, Natalie Kells, Evan Lamont, Avery Luther, John Lynch, Alan Masecar, Leah McCall, Marlee Miller, Dalal Peaveler, Eden Peffer, Maxim Petrof, Jada Pope, Andrew Queer, Rhian Cynthia Sabo, Miles Smith, Owen Smith, Jorja Vaniel and Anna Zeglin.

High honor: Shayleigh Baird, Kloe Buksa, Maximus Johnson, Noah Knupp, Rylee Moore, John Morbitzer, Jacob Robertson, Elijah Robinson, Alyssa Shawley and Audrey White.

Honor: Baylee Carns, Sophia Carns, John Fogel, Jonathan Gindesperger, Michael Hillen, Patrick Kenna, Nevaeh Maslyk, Dakota McDonald, Brock McKenzie, Rylee Monticue, Natalie Nemeth, Brylee Palmer, Jayden Pearce, Maisie Penrose, Riley Riddell, Brayden Shetler and Matthew Sutton.

Sophomores, distinguished honor: Emily Beech, Bailey Breegle, Isabella Constable, Eli Cooper, Emalyn DiRinaldo, Carter Gunn, Caylee Hood, Avery Horner, Gabriella Jackovitz, Oscar Kelley, Franklin Lewis, Ava Mazzotta, Emma Moser, Kelsey Rhoades, Ruby Smith, Benjamin Sparks and Beckett Sullenberger.

High honor: Greyson Daugherty, Lilly Graham, Jocelyn Hageder, Rocco Harris, Scout Hinton, Connor Saxton, William Vargo and Jacob Turner, Aliece Pango and

Elyse Witcoski.

Honor: Nathan Bednarek, Carter Bizup, Emma Cruz, Knourth Drury, Emily Fisher, Andrew Fuller, Cooper Hegan, Hunter Izzo, Merick Johnson, Trent Kauffman, Siri Kuhns, Jessica Mack, Genevieve O'Gara, Evan Penrose, Kayla Pope, Haley Robertson, Noah Rocker, Sarah Skovira, Joseph Springer, Gabriella Tinkey, Russell Tinkey, Macie Tomlinson, Lucinda Vogel-sang, Emma Wagner and Karson White.

Freshmen, distinguished honor: Evan Anderson, Maxwell Brownfield, Sen Bustamante, Thomas Crary, Eric Michael Dietz, Levi Foust, Letty Goswick, Anna Huss, Zena Kishlock, Maci Lear, Brooke Matson, Ayva Mendez, Zachary Oaks, Caleb Page, Raelynnne Palmer, Blake Penrose, Anthony Petalino, Alyssa Queer, Charlotte Raymond, Elizabeth Schaetzle, Kaylee Snyder, Maverick Steffey and Lydia Tomlinson.

High honor: Brooklynne Bowser, Heather Hay, Kenzie Kestner, Liam King, Bradyn McKenzie, Carina Mendez, Skyler Murtland, Avery Robinson, Bentley Simmons, Emma Sowers and Penny Vehovic.

Honor: Anthony Barbera, Bella Butler, Jayden Ferpas, Margo Henderson, Blake Hitt, Cole Kramer, Joshua Moore, Chelsea Nagle, Kylie Pavlik, Elliot Peate, Mason Phillips, Blake Rensko, Kaitlyn Rose, Sydney Thomas, Emily Weltz and Katalin Wentzell.