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**Harrisburg Academy Travels to ISEF to Celebrate Academy CASEF Grand Champion**

WORMLEYSBURG, PA – Harrisburg Academy students and faculty were pleased to travel to the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) to celebrate and support the Academy’s Capital Area Science and Engineering Fair (CASEF) Grand Champion, Alec W. '19, while he exhibited at the fair.



In the early hours of May 17, three faculty members and 22 Academy students boarded a bus bound for Pittsburgh. The students spent the morning at ISEF, exploring the fair and speaking with student scientists from around the world. In the afternoon, the students toured the University of Pittsburgh’s Swanson School of Engineering. This trip was organized through the Academy’s Centers for Experiential Learning & Innovation. Academy science students who participated in CASEF, Science Olympiad, PA Junior Academy of Sciences, and members of the VEX robotics team were invited to attend.

“The ISEF trip was really inspiring. Talking to the student scientists and seeing their passion for their projects energized us all,” said Maureen Smith, Academy Upper School science teacher. “Several students walked away with plans of what they wanted to investigate. Having one of our Harrisburg Academy students as a participant made the trip truly special. It was great to see Alec shine. He represented himself, and Harrisburg Academy, amazingly well.”

Bus transportation was provided through a generous donation from Harrisburg University. Through the Centers program, Harrisburg Academy has created a partnership with Harrisburg University offering Academy students the opportunity to conduct research at HU. Many Academy students spent time preparing their science fair projects in the labs at HU, supervised by HU faculty and/or graduate students.

“Our partnership with Harrisburg University gave our students an opportunity to go above and beyond their normal school routine. They were excited and enthusiastic to conduct their research at the biotechnology labs at HU,” said Lakshmi Shrikantia, Harrisburg Academy science teacher. “This collaboration not only placed our students among top winners at CASEF, but it gave them the opportunity to visit ISEF. This final gesture of support capped off a wonderful year of partnership between Harrisburg Academy and Harrisburg University.”

**About Harrisburg Academy:**

Established in 1784, Harrisburg Academy is the 17<sup>th</sup> oldest non-public school in the nation and Harrisburg’s only independent school. Our coed, diverse school community inspires students from age three through 12<sup>th</sup> grade by providing an academically challenging and globally minded liberal arts education focused on dynamic classroom experiences, strong student outcomes, and a commitment to character development. The Academy proudly stands as the first school in the greater Harrisburg area to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program and merit scholarship.

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