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**Harrisburg Academy Students Find Success in Academic and Extracurricular Pursuits**

WORMLEYSBURG, PA – Harrisburg Academy is pleased to announce the success of several students in recent competitions and events that celebrate excellence in science and math, the fine and performing arts, the humanities, and athletics.

“We value the diversity and passion of our students. We love that they can be more than one thing,” said Maureen Smith, Harrisburg Academy Upper School science teacher. “They are artists and scientists, athletes and engineers, geography experts and actors. It fuels creativity and develops people who see the world as the complex and interrelated place that it is. Giving students the opportunity to try different activities, participate on teams, and pursue personal passion projects through our Centers program makes them more prepared to contribute to our global community.”

Recent accolades include:

**Willow D. '24** and **Madeline G. '24** won the 3rd place award at the regional National History Day competition for their entry, “Diana: The People’s Princess,” which highlighted Lady Diana’s personal triumphs despite the tragedies she faced in her life. Maddie and Willow will go on to the Pennsylvania state competition in May.

Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS) works to promote participation and interest in math and science at the middle and high school level. Harrisburg Academy student results at the recent PJAS regional science fair competition included 11 awards with seven 1st award winners who advance to the state competition in May. First place awards: **Devin D. '19**, **Praneeta B. '21**, **Alex S. '22**, **Madeline G. '23**, **Caroline C. '24**, **Annabel H. '24**, and **Daniella I. '24**; Second place awards: **Ariya B. '23** and **Drue M. '24**; Third place awards: **Jasleen M. '23** and **Nolan M. '23**.

Science Olympiad is an international organization dedicated to increasing interest in the sciences among students. More than 700 middle school and high school scientists competed for awards at the regional event; Harrisburg Academy students placed in two categories: **Aidan C. '23** and **Daniella I. '23** placed 3rd in their event, Water Quality; and **Emma H. '22** and **Annabel H. '24** placed 4th in their event, Crime Busters.

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards are presented by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers whose mission is to identify students with exceptional artistic and literary talent. **Devin D. '19** won a silver medal at the national level in the photography category for the 2019 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. Additionally, Devin won two gold keys and three silver keys, also in the photography category.

**Sophia H. '20** and **Dalia S. '20** were selected to participate in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Central Region Orchestra. Talented student musicians from Central Pennsylvania performed at the Williamsport Community Arts Center in February.

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**Devin D. '19** was awarded a medal from the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) for being selected for the Harris Ferry Chapter of SAR Eagle Scout Award. In addition to the local award, Devin's application won 3rd place in Pennsylvania.

The National Geographic GeoBee is an academic competition for students in 4th-8th grade. **Levi K. '23** has been named by National Geographic Society as a semifinalist eligible to compete in the 2019 National Geographic GeoBee Pennsylvania State Competition in March.

**Max M. '19** was named a 2nd team Mid Penn Capital Division All-Star for the 285-pound weight class in wrestling.

**Devin D. '19** earned a silver medal in Sport Pistol and a bronze medal in Air Pistol at the Pennsylvania Junior Olympic Qualifier in January, qualifying him for the USA Shooting Jr. Olympics in both Air and Sport Pistol. This will be Devin's third year in a row that he will participate in this national shooting event located at the US Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The **Middle School Girls' Basketball team**, made up of students in 5th-8th grade, captured their second straight Central Pennsylvania Basketball League championship.

**Zoe G. '22** broke several Academy swim records in 2019 and qualified for the PIAA State Championships in the 100-yard Butterfly and 100-yard Freestyle. Zoe competed at Bucknell University this month and placed 8th in the state in class AA in the 100-yard butterfly.

**Alex S. '22** also broke several Academy swim records and qualified for the PIAA State Championship competition. Alex swam the 200-yard Freestyle and the 500-yard Freestyle at Bucknell University. Alex was the only freshman male to qualify for the 200-yard Freestyle event.

Established in 1784, Harrisburg Academy is the 17th 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.

For more information about Harrisburg Academy please visit our website at [www.harrisburgacademy.org](http://www.harrisburgacademy.org) or contact Miranda Connelly at 717-763-7811 or via email at [connelly.m@harrisburgacademy.org](mailto:connelly.m@harrisburgacademy.org).

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