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**Harrisburg Academy Claims Grand Champion and Domination Across CASEF 2019**

WORMLEYSBURG, PA – Harrisburg Academy is proud to announce that **Alec W. '19** and **Liam D. '20** were named as Senior Division Grand Champions and ISEF Finalists, the highest distinction awarded at the Capital Area Science and Engineering Fair. The regional Grand Champions are invited to compete in the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair 2019 to be held in Phoenix, Arizona, May 12-17, 2019. **Julia T. '23** was named Junior Division Grand Champion and Category Winner Physical Science.



“As a science department we are thrilled at the success our students are finding at CASEF. It is amazing to have both Senior and Junior Grand Champions from our small school,” said Maureen Smith, Academy science teacher and faculty advisor for the projects. “We really do strive to develop student scientists from Middle School, where every student does a science fair project in grades 6-8, to Upper School, where we give students time in our Center for Experimental Sciences to work on individual projects. It isn’t the awards that mean the most to us as a department. We really value the time the students take and the amount of thought they give. We are proud of all of their efforts.”

Harrisburg Academy had 13 Upper School students participate in the Senior Division, bringing in nine first prize awards and one second prize award. Academy Upper School students are not required to complete a science fair project, but many took advantage of faculty mentoring provided through the school’s Centers for Experiential Learning & Innovation program.

- **Alec W. '19 and Liam D. '20** – Senior Division Grand Champions, First Prize with special awards: American Society of Civil Engineers Award, American Association of Highway Engineers Award, Modjeski and Master Engineering Award, Wolfram Summer Program for Science Award, Technology & Innovation Award
- **Praneeta B. '21** – Grand Champion Finalist, First Prize and Category Winner Medicine & Health with special awards: Pulmonary and Critical Care Medical Associates Award, Biogenius Award
- **Maci W. '19** - First Prize with special awards: Highmark Medical Careers Award, Dauphin County Medical Society Award
- **Devin D. '19** – First Prize with special awards: Dauphin County Medical Society Alliance Award, Biogenius Award
- **Michael A. '21** – First Prize with special awards: Wolfram Summer Program for Science Award, Technology & Innovation Award
- **Michael S. '21** – First Prize with special awards: Wolfram Summer Program for Science Award, Technology & Innovation Award
- **Orion D. '20 and Nate S. '20** – First Prize

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- **Madison H. '20** – First Prize
- **Alex S. '22** - First Prize
- **Elaine G. '21 and Amy L. '21** – Second Prize with special award: U.S. Metric Association Award

In the Junior Division, Harrisburg Academy had 10 Middle School students participate, bringing in one first prize award and nine second prize awards.

- **Julia T. '23** – Junior Grand Champion, First Prize, Category Winner Physical Science
- **Sondo Y. '23** – Second Prize with special award: American Association of Highway Engineers Award
- **Drue M. '24** – Second Prize with special award: Office of Naval Research – U.S. Navy and Marine Corps Award
- **Arielle B. '23** – Second Prize
- **Madeline G. '23** – Second Prize
- **Nolan M. '23** – Second Prize
- **Annabel H. '24** – Second Prize
- **Ella I. '24** – Second Prize
- **Mason R. '24** – Second Prize
- **Luca S. '24** – Second Prize

**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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