

TCHS Grads Pursue a Bright Future in 2018

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TCHS grads take next step toward a great future

son & Wales University and Widener University all have in common? The answer is that these are just a few of the incredible institutions that Chester County Technical College High School (TCHS) Class of 2018 graduates will be attending this fall. The three graduates attending these institutions pursued interests at TCHS, which included Criminal Justice & Police Sciences. Culinary Arts and Marketing & Financial Services.

TCHS Pennock's Bridge Campus graduate Maggie Weir, from Avon Grove School District, will be attending West Point. TCHS Pickering Campus graduate Jessica Xu, from Tredyffrin/Easttown School District, will be attending Johnson & Wales University pastry arts. TCHS Brandywine or a combination of those, stu-

What do West Point, John- Campus graduate Kyle Pollick, dents who attend TCHS have mother, believes that TCHS from Bishop Shanahan High School, will be going to Widener University to study business analytics and to play lacrosse.

> TCHS brings together students of diverse interests and offers them the opportunity to explore their passions and pursue their dreams. As a public high school of choice, TCHS is for students in grades nine to 12 who want to prepare for success in post-secondary education and the workforce. At TCHS, students get ahead with essential hands-on experience and opportunities to earn up to a year's worth of college credits in high school, making them stand out to prospective colleges and employers.

Whether they want to pursue a career in the arts, sciand majoring in baking and ences, a modern skilled trade

access to incredible resources and are using those resources to take the next step towards their future.

Some students enter TCHS with an interest in a specific career field. Take Weir for instance. Weir is a recent graduate of the TCHS Pennock's Bridge Criminal Justice & Police Sciences program who fulfilled a lifelong dream by receiving an accommodation to West Point from Rep. Lloyd Smucker.

"I come from a military family, so from a young age I knew I wanted to join the military. Getting into West Point has been a dream come true. It was hard work, but I really believe being in the Criminal Justice & Police Sciences program at TCHS gave me a leg up," said Weir.

Tracey Weir, Maggie's



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played an important role in fulfilling Maggie's dream of attending West Point.

"At TCHS, Maggie had opportunities to really step outside of her comfort zone and take leadership positions in the classroom," said Tracey.

When asked about her reaction to her daughter's success, Tracey Weir stated, "When I found out she got accepted into West Point, I didn't know whether to smile or cry. I did both! I am prouder of her than I am able to put into words."

Maggie Weir's teachers at Avon Grove are also confident about her success moving forward.

Her physics teacher, Dr. Jim Lertola, said of Wier, "Maggie is one of our brightest students who always seeks to challenge herself. She is serious, hardworking, soft-spoken and humble. We are confident she will find success in the future [at West Point]."

A recent graduate of TCHS Pickering Campus, Xu is also pursuing her dreams. Xu will attend the prestigious Johnson & Wales University to major in for the future, Pollick credited baking and pastry arts.

"I always really valued the ability of food to bring people together and connect them. Treats always make people happy, and I enjoy making people happy," said Xu.

Xu also used her time at TCHS Pickering to pursue ex- credits I need to help make that cellence outside the classroom. Xu was the 2018 TCHS Pickering Campus valedictorian and Student of the Year. She was a SkillsUSA member, a National Honor Society and a National Technical Honor Society member, on the distinguished honor roll, a SkillsUSA and FCCLA Xu was able to gain the techmedalist, a student ambassa- nical skills necessary to fulfill dor and an academic competition team member.

When asked about her advice to others who are considering pursuing their dreams at cal honors societies. Pollick TCHS, Xu noted, "Go for it. If you work hard, you will be rewarded with experience and his lacrosse career, which cul-



Jessica Xu is a 2018 graduate of the Culinary Arts program at TCHS Pickering who will be attending Johnson & Wales to major in baking and pastry arts.

confidence."

TCHS Brandywine Campus graduate Pollick is off to Widener University in the fall to study business analytics and to play lacrosse. Pollick was able to manage his marketing and finance course work, his sending school academics and playing high school sports during his time at TCHS. He also earned college credits while at TCHS.

When asked about his plans TCHS with helping him get a better sense of what career he wants to pursue.

Pollick said, "I would love to work in financial planning and maybe even become a restaurateur. TCHS gave me the experience, knowledge and college a reality."

TCHS has become many things to many different students. TCHS gave Weir the leadership experience and immersive environment she wanted to help achieve her dream of attending West Point. her dream of attending Johnson & Wales University while also participating in a number of academic and techniwas able to gain career experience and continue to pursue



Kyle Pollick is a 2018 graduate of the Marketing & Finance program at TCHS Brandywine who will be attending Widener University to major in business analytics and to play lacrosse.

minated in an opportunity to attend Widener University to study business analytics and play the sport he loves.

What is Tracev Weir's advice to parents considering whether TCHS is a good fit for their child?

"Sending your child to TCHS is the best thing you can do for them. It gives them opportunities that they will not be able to get elsewhere! This is the best way for them to see what their career choice will be like before entering the 'real world'. My second child currently attends TCHS, and my third child is excited to start once he is in 10th grade. TCHS provides an education and experience that are second to none."

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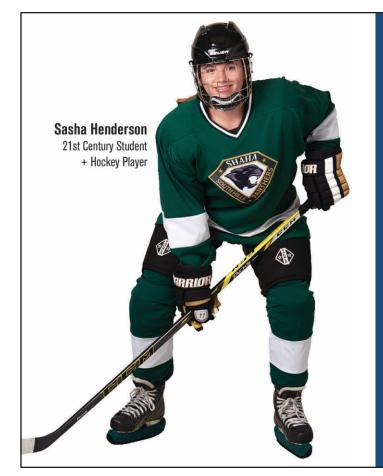
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EDUCATION New Center for STEM Education takes shape at Notre Dame

Construction is underway Dame de Namur's new Center for STEM Education, a 30,000-square-foot, state-ofthe-art learning and innovation environment for faculty and students.

the Academy's historic Villanova campus while introducing a forward-looking floor gathering areas will facility that supports and embraces 21st science education.

technology enabled active small group collaboration learning (TEAL) environments that include eight science laboratories; three lab prep rooms; eight mathematics classrooms; a design thinking and entrepreneurship classroom; and labs dedicated to design and innovation, robotics and coding.

"While the Center reflects on the Academy of Notre the current curriculum offered by our excellent faculty, it provides a more extended, nimble space for research, teaching, collaboration and project-based learning," said Notre Dame's The new building reflects president, Dr. Judith A. Dwyer.

Large first- and secondprovide space to celebrate student achievements while creating a flexible and mul-The Center will include tipurpose space. Spaces for are distributed throughout the corridors on both floors and state-of-the-art technology permeates the entire complex.

The Academy is a Catholic, independent school for young women in grades six through 12 in the tradition of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur.





2018-2019 Admissions Calendar

Open House September 30, 10 am to 1 pm High School Entrance Exams October 13 & 21 Middle School Entrance Exam October 21 Experience ND Day October 24



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tional philosophies of the that demonstrates the con-Sisters is that we teach our nectedness of STEM with all young women 'what they need to know for life," said Dwyer. "STEM interdisciplinary education provides designs and products to heal opportunities to develop and enhance the quality of core competencies such as life throughout tahe world. Notre Dame education, visit critical thinking, analytical More than one-third of reand deductive reasoning, cent Notre Dame graduates computing and communication skills - competencies needed by all students in all careers.

"One of the key educa- ous STEM-based curriculum Notre Dame is a caring, spirfields of learning, especially the arts (STEAM) and emphasizes the ability of STEM pursue STEM majors at leading universities.

While challenging courses Notre Dame offers a rigor- Academy's academic rigor,

itual community, guided by the faith tradition of the Catholic Church, the legacy of service of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur and the school's Honor Code.

To learn more about a campus for personal tour or attend the Open House on Sunday, Sept. 30, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. To register, visit ndapa.org/openhouse in all subject areas mark the or contact Admissions at 610-971-0498.



Bold, experiential education sets Perkiomen apart

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Education at Perkiomen has been grounded in experience, experimentation and exploration. The launch of the Entrepreneur Institute in 2017 provided the opportunity for students to dive into learning that is a blend of traditional classroom work and real world business application. Thus, it makes sense that this model of learning expands beyond entrepreneurship.

This fall, the bold vision continues as the Medical Institute will formally launch. Students interested in earning Medical Distinction will take traditional course work, complete at least 10 hours of external experience and conclude their work with a practicum. The practicum is designed to be customized to student interests and can take the shape of a literature review, research or field work. Seventeen members of the Class of 2019 have been accepted as candidates for the Medical Institute. Their practicum topics range from mental health to veterinary science.

Two members of the apart from its peers. Class of 2018 earned memof the Medical Institute. Xiaoyan Zhang '18 focused her work on Hepatitis C re-'18 studied the health benefits of goats' milk.

For external experiences, the Institute has partnered with St. Luke's Hospital, Cedar Crest College (nursing division), Perkiomen Ani-



Veterinary Clinic and Dela- that transform students ware Valley Veterinary Behavior.

Creating bold educational opportunities is what sets Perkiomen School

"Programs like the Enbership in the charter class trepreneur Institute and the Medical Institute give our students an edge," says Headmaster Mark curriculum, which includes search, and Jocelyn Dupee A. Devey. "They have academic experiences that are grounded in excellent classroom studies and real world work. Perkiomen graduates have a range of experi- the opportunity to take conences, transferable skills, a trol of their future with a thirst to learn, grit and re- truly individualized educamal Hospital, Quakertown silience. These are the tools tional experience.

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The Mural Arts, Haverford School. Shoemaker **Mastery Charter** form partnership

In partnership with Mural Arts Philadelphia, students at The Haverford School and Shoemaker Mastery Charter School are working to conceptualize and create a 125-foot by 27-foot mural at 53rd and Lansdowne streets in West Philadelphia. The mural, funded through a that speaks to the commu- School's art classes to disgrant from the 25th Century Foundation, is expected to be unveiled in ner artist Joshua Mays of and the power of combinsummer 2018.

After interviewing res-



Students and faculty from The Haverford School and Shoemaker Mastery Charter School paint one of the mural panels.

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Students and faculty from The Haverford School and Shoemaker Mastery Charter School paint one of the mural panels.



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2018 had a 100 percent college acceptance rate and received \$36.4 million in college scholarships.

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the challenges of a world not vet realized. Innovative faith-based programs that focus on the interconnectedness of people all over the world foster students' spiritual life. This allows the as shanahan.org/whybshs voung adults of BSHS to deepen their personal relationship with God and to continuously reflect on their role as global citizens.

Come and see for yourempower Shanahan stu- self what Bishop Shanahan

There are many opportunities to visit BSHS this upcoming year. All are welcome to the Fall Open House on Sunday, Nov. 11, from noon to 3 p.m. Visit us to learn more about when to visit and to check out Shanahan's academic program, extracurricular opportunities and faith community.

EDUCATION

Fall semester brings changes to Immaculata University

President Barbara Let- University. tiere's first year denotes a

The shift in leadership

itive changes, including a by the launch of a new comprehensive rebrandnew era for Immaculata has come with many pos- ing of the school, marked

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Registration is still open for the 2018-2019 fall semester, which begins on Monday, Aug. 27.

Under Lettiere's stewardship, life on campus has been bustling.

The University cofounded the new Atlantic East Conference, an

NCAA Division III conference which will begin competition this September. Atlantic East is composed of seven private colleges: Immaculata University, Cabrini University, Gwynedd Mercy University, Marymount University, Marywood University, Neumann University and Wesley College. Additionally, Immaculata has expanded its varsity sports program to include women's golf, men's swimming, women's swimming and men's volleyball. With these, the University now offers 23 varsity sports. The teams have created the opportunity for 500 60 new student athletes to participate in athletics. The new teams will begin competition this fall semester.

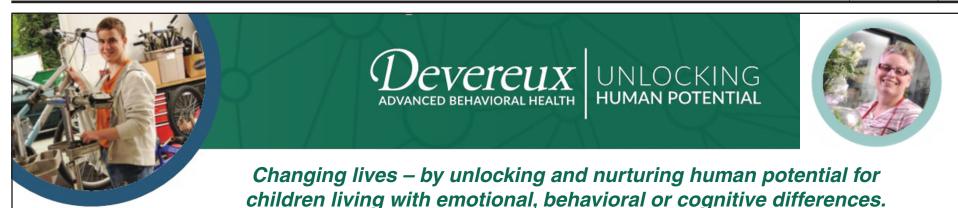
Change has not been limited to the sports program. Since this spring, construction has been underway for a new IHM student center. A dedication ceremony is planned for the end of the fall semester, when construction is scheduled to be complete. The new stu-

dent center will provide space for students to relax and study. Included will be a dining area with a self-serve milkshake bar; a state-of-the-art exercise area; a game room with electronic stations and tables for billiards, ping-pong and shuffleboard; a large lounge area; and a media room big enough to accommodate club meetings. Immaculata's students are avidly awaiting the grand opening.

For more information on the College of Undergraduate Studies, please call 1-877-42-TODAY or email admiss@immaculata.edu: for information on the College of Adult Professional Studies, call 610-647-4400 ext. 3524; and for information on the College of Graduate Studies, call 610-647-4400, ext. 3223.

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As part of their Outdoor Education class, Goshen Friends students planted radish seeds in the school's raised bed gardens. Over 40 pounds of fresh produce from the gardens were donated to the Chester County Food Bank throughout the school year.

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In February, Goshen Friends students visited their neighbors at Bellingham Retirement Community for an ice cream social.

live the Quaker values," said Mimi Ackers, head of school. "At Goshen, we work hard to teach the children that serving others adds meaning to our lives and helps make the world a better place."

From September 2017 through May 2018, Goshen Friends preschoolers and pre-kindergartners planted seeds and harvested vegetables through the Chester County Food Bank's raised bed program, gathered smoke detectors on behalf of the Goshen Fire Company, decorated a Christmas tree for the students at Devereux's Kanner Learning Center and enjoyed an ice cream social with their neighbors at Bellingham Retirement Community.

They also collected toiletries for the residents of Safe Harbor of Chester County; household supplies for the women and children of Home of the Sparrow; bedding, pet food and other items for the Brandywine Valley SPCA; and breakfast foods for the Chester County Food Bank. "Goshen Friends

School has been a longtime partner of the Food Bank. From their raised bed gardens to food drives to coloring kindness for our Senior Box Program, it is heartwarming to see the students grow into young ambassadors for the Food Bank and the community in which they are growing up," said Anne Shuniak, marketing and communications manager at the Chester County Food Bank. "Food drives are always needed at the Food Bank, and last year Goshen Friends' breakfast items food drive during Thanksgiving was very much appreciated."

"It can be difficult for a child (and many adults even) to fathom the idea of being hungry/food insecure," added Shuniak, "but what has always been apparent is the care that Goshen Friends has given to giving back."

During the 2018-19 school year, Goshen Friends is looking forward to expanding its service program to include even larger events to benefit the community.

"Our school may be small, but we've got a great big heart," noted Michele Kornegay, Goshen Friends' director of admissions and advancement. "Through service to our community, we are taking the lessons we teach about kindness, respect and empathy beyond the classroom to help children understand what it feels like to do good for our neighbors."



Goshen Friends families gathered in December to create ornaments for a Christmas tree that was donated, along with hats and mittens, to residents of Devereux's Kanner Learning Center to help make their holiday season warm and bright.

Art

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and human destiny," said Mays. "It depicts a figure representing sive experience," said hope and curiosity holding the seed from which all is revealed. The seed of perspective and vision (past and future) implanted and taking helped inspire the muroot within the fertility ral – and the students." of the NOW moment. This image is an invi- gized by seeing their tation to meaning and possibility though the ings take on a largerrealms of cosmic aware- than-life form in our ness and cultural connection."

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be paired with resident interviews and other sounds that are native to the neighborhood.

"When people encounter the mural, we want it to be an immer-Haverford School Art Department Chair Chris Fox. "This app will allow visitors to hear the voices and sounds that

"Students are enerown ideas and drawcity," said Zoë Blatt, Upper School art teacher. World-renowned DJ [•]Witnessing their art's ative agents of change. The collaboration with our students a new understanding of the role

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- **Blended Learning and WCU Dual** Enrollment classes offered
- Music, art, & athletic opportunities
- programs
- Special education support
- 1:1 Computer Initiative
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Students connect at TCHS, building community and opportunity in relationships with instructors, administrators, colleges and industry partners in STEM fields, the arts and skilled trades.

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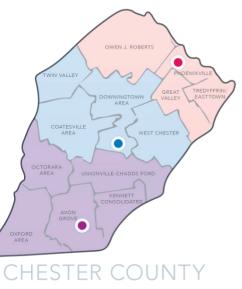


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