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Seniors Mikayla Moats and Kevin Bartosh Sign Letters of Intent

School



In 2019, seniors Kevin Bartosh and Mikayla Moats signed their National letters of intent. Kevin's was for Penn State track-and-

ready for a big season," said Bartosh.

"It was very stress-free afterwards," Moats said.

field, and Mikayla's was for East Stroudsburg University soccer. Both students feel as though, after they signed the letters, they were stress-free. "It takes some pressure off me. I still need to keep working hard in order to maintain NCAA eligibility and get

"I didn't have any second thoughts," Bartosh added. "I took a couple other visits, but I knew all along where I wanted to go."

Mikayla also commented that she did not have any other colleges in mind and that she was very happy with the decision she made to commit to ESU.

Moats and Bartosh are ready to get out of high school and start playing on the fields at their college.

"It's truly an honor. It's crazy to think about all the great alumni who have gone through this outstanding university. I can't wait to be a part of something huge," Bartosh said.

Both of these students have big aspirations for the time they are going to their colleges.

"One thing I want to achieve at Penn State is greatness; I have an incredible opportunity," Bartosh said.

"Hopefully, [I will] start all four years," Moats said.

By Alexa Long

Fleetwood in Top 6% of PA Schools

School

The Future Ready PA Index shows residents how each school is performing academically and which direction each school is trending. Fleetwood is performing second best in the county, right under Kutztown. Six years ago, when Mr. Stephen Herman was not principal, Fleetwood was in the bottom 15% of all high schools in the state. Now, Fleetwood is 47th out of 895 schools, which is the top 6%. But how is that measured?

On a school's SPP, School Performance Profile, under the Indicators of Academic Achievement, points can be earned for every student scoring proficient or advanced on the PSSAs, any of the Keystone exams, and on the SATs and ACTs, etc. From there, each of those categories is weighed on a factor value.

For instance, Fleetwood had 70.10% of all students pass the Science/Biology Keystone, which had a factor value of 7.5%. The percentage of passing students is multiplied by the factor value (70.10*0.075) to get 5.25 points.

The SPP chart goes a step further to break down how many students earned advanced on the Keystone Exams and PSSAs. Exactly 22.33% of students scored advanced on mathematics/algebra I, 35.29% scored

advanced on science/biology, but only 11.22% scored advanced on literature/ELA state tests compared to last year's 5.2%. The current advanced average is 17.8% of all students statewide.

Fleetwood students are currently trending towards fewer students every year scoring proficient on state exams district-wide. The rate of proficiency in the years 2017 to 2018 was 81.7%. Exactly 79.02% of all students scored at least proficient last school year, where the state average was 62.1%. What can explain this performance dip, and should Fleetwood students and staff be concerned?

The answer is no, and here is why. The anticipated statewide average for 2030 is set to 81.1% proficiency. Fleetwood hit that number last year and is currently 2.08% away from reaching it again. There were 844 students enrolled in the high school last year, which meant that 18 students underperforming can have a big impact. Those 18 make up about 2.08%. It is safe to assume that most of them were a few points away from proficiency and will do better this year.

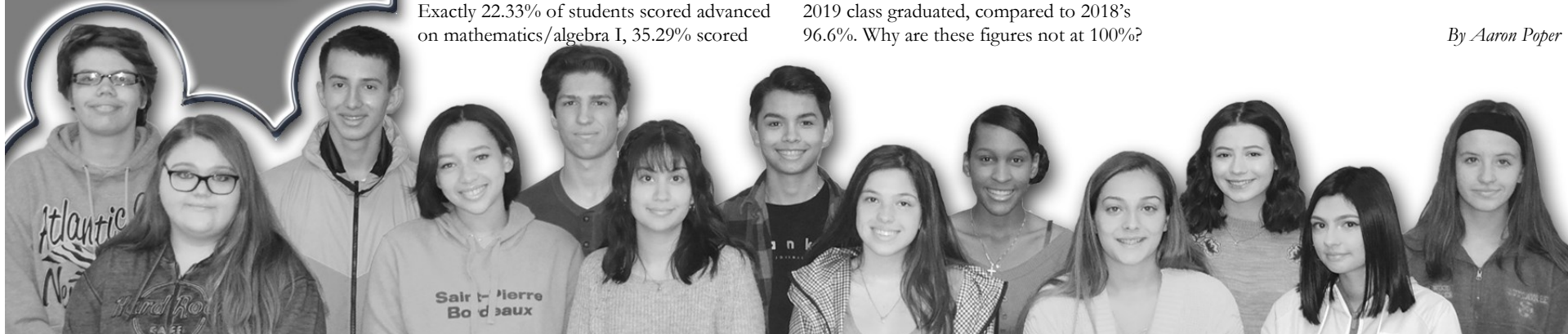
When it comes to graduation rates, 96.43% of students who were a part of the 2019 class graduated, compared to 2018's 96.6%. Why are these figures not at 100%?

The SPP is measuring graduation in cohort fashion. This means that students who moved to other school districts are still counted as if they never graduated.

For the graduated class of 2017-18, the school saw a sudden spike of 15.7% of students entering the PA workforce to 50.7% just last year. Does that mean that one in two students decided not to further his or her education or enlist in the military? The data suggests that, while 50.7% of 2019 graduates started working in the Commonwealth, 77.1% did further their education, and 8% of them enlisted in the military. Notice how those figures add up beyond 100%.

What does the above data mean? It means that post-secondary education attendees have gone up. It is also good that graduates have found alternate routes to succeed in life apart from only attending a college. From all SPP categories to proficient PSSA scores, from meeting annual subject growth to graduation, Fleetwood has accumulated 87.8 points out of 100. Students are in a place where success is all around them with well-equipped staff.

By Aaron Poper



Fleetwood Boys Soccer Dominates Lancaster Mennonite for their 13th District Championship

School

In a battle between Fleetwood and Lancaster Mennonite, Fleetwood players enjoyed victory in avenging last year's loss. Their great achievement resulted in the 'Tigers' thirteenth district championship.

Fleetwood junior Hunter Smith scored the winning goal after dribbling down the sideline with six minutes, twenty-five seconds remaining in overtime.

Smith was fired up once overtime had hit, and he applied offensive pressure to Lancaster Mennonite.

"I felt like I was on cloud nine," Smith said. "As a forward, I love scoring goals, but scoring in a championship game--and the championship winner!--is so much better. It is one of the best feelings."

Seniors Aidan Negron and Tyler Hartline scored as well.

All-State Aidan Negron's goal occurred in the first half, shortly after Mennonite had scored. Consistently throughout the season, he had put his team in great positions like this.

"I felt like the game swayed back our way after I scored," Negron said.

His goal had given Fleetwood space to breathe briefly. Mennonite scored shortly after, leading the Tigers 2-1.

All-Berks midfielder Tyler Hartline knew he had to step up in order to tie the game once again. Hartline is the only senior chasing his first gold as a Tiger. Prior to joining the team, he had played with PA Classics, and he has since served as a distinguished guard to Fleetwood's defense. Hartline is a disciplined player on both sides of the ball.

"Once I had scored, I felt exhilarated. It was a great feeling," Hartline said.

Fearless on defense, Fleetwood dominated the second half. The defensive line, consisting of Mathew Avila, Andrew Slusser, Ian Snyder, and Jonathan Hope played aggressively and with heart, preventing most of the shots on goal. Nonetheless, these boys did face some issues.

"They had a very smart center midfielder who knew how to play, penetrating balls to their forward. We limited how often they both got the ball to stop them," All-Berks defender Andrew Slusser said.

Mennonite began to get choppy in the second half. A red card was issued on one of their players after a vicious slide tackle into Fleetwood goalie Wesley Seaman's groin.

Seaman was taken out of the game for a few minutes but had decided on his own that he wanted to continue.

Fleetwood was now playing with one more player than Lancaster Mennonite.

In overtime, a Lancaster Mennonite breakaway occurred. Wesley Seaman took the initiative in order to stop it.

"A moment of clarity. It became simple. I can either step up and make a save or sit back and risk the shot. I stepped up, and in hindsight, I am glad I made the choice I made," Seaman said.

"We love each other. That's as simple as it gets. We play for each other and hang out all the time. We are always there for one another," Snyder said.

These boys play through adversity and have developed chemistry throughout the years. It has helped them get this far.

By Aliyah Levy

NAHS Students Given an Opportunity to Teach Art Classes

School

Are you or anyone you know interested in taking an art class?

If so, consider Homeschool MAK-ERspace ART classes.

Every other Friday afternoon in the Community Center, art classes will be taught by Fleetwood Area High School's own National Art Honors Society (NAHS) students.

These classes were set up by the Community Center to help home-schooled students. The Fleetwood Borough reached out to see if any high school students wanted to try their hands at teaching an art class.

Each class session is an hour long, and this is the first year these classes are available.

Art teacher and National Art Honor Society (NAHS) adviser Ms. Diane Chisdake said that, while teaching one of these classes is not required, the students involved in NAHS should complete a minimum of 10 service hours.

"This could happen at the Art Event or other opportunities," Chisdak said.

Her hope is that these students will gain something from teaching these classes.

"I am hoping the NAHS students involved learn how teaching art helps them to understand their own art better. I also believe art is a great way to connect with the community," Chisdak said.

By Hannah Medina



German Club Goes to Liederkrantz

School

"Students look forward to this event year after year," German teacher Christine Moll said.

The Liederkrantz is a trip that the German Club runs every year. This trip gives students a chance to experience an accurate German meal. This allows them to have a cultural experience that they would not otherwise have.

This annual trip took place on 12 November 2019. The German club tends to

run the trip around the same time every year. They have been doing this since 2012.

"On my very first day in Fleetwood, back in 2012, my first period German III class asked me, 'Are you going to take us to the Liederkrantz,'" Moll said.

The Liederkrantz provides a wide range of food for the students to enjoy.

"They served an all-you-can-eat buffet with Bratwurst (sausage), Wiener Schnitzel (cutlets; real Wiener Schnitzel is

made with veal--these were made with pork), Gulasch (goulash/meat in gravy), Nudeln (noodles), [and] Kartoffelsalat (potato salad)," Moll said.

Many students only have good reviews for the food they ate.

"I liked the sausage and the pork the best. I had never had anything like that before," Alopay Heltzinger, ninth grade German Club student, said.

Students interested in experiencing

new cultures can join German club for such opportunities. Students can also meet people with similar interests as them.

Students involved in German club can get a variety of cool experiences, such as meeting a German exchange student. Moll highly recommends joining the club.

By Abigail Lutcavage

Fleetwood Area High School Hosts Craft Show

School

The annual Holiday Craft Show was held at the Fleetwood Area High School on 16 November.

The Craft Show, which has been held for the last fourteen years, is Fleetwood's largest fundraiser. It helps the Fleetwood FBLA chapter and the 2022 graduating class.

This year was the largest one yet. There were over 170 vendors and over 2,300 community residents came and supported the Craft Show. A finalized amount raised has yet to be announced.

It takes many hours and lots of manpower to set up the Craft Show. Students stay after school on the Friday before to set up tables and lay out where vendors will be. They also help vendors carry in all their products at the end of the night.

"We had to set up tables and put decorations out on the table," Sophomore Nikki Kopycienski said. Kopycienski set up her own booth for Superheroes for Autism.

FBLA members benefit greatly from the Craft Show. It gives them an opportunity to increase service hours. Mem-

bers that do log service hours from the Craft Show will receive money for any future FBLA field trips.

Staff at the Craft Show have to deal with many unexpected problems. There are angry vendors and people who break the rules; however, it is still fun for members helping.

"I do [like helping]; it was really fun," Kopycienski said. "I like seeing the kids decorate their sensory bottles."

"I like walking around and seeing all the vendors," sophomore Kayley Hen-

ninger said.

Fleetwood's Craft Show is one of the best in Berks County. It has one of the greatest numbers of vendors and fills up the entire first floor of the high school. Some people still think it should be bigger.

"This is so big," a customer said. "It should be two days!"

By Madison Musitano

NCAA Says Wiseman Ineligible

Sports

The consensus number one freshman basketball player in college, and projected number one overall pick in next year's draft, is in the midst of a massive NCAA eligibility saga.

James Wiseman is the freshman sensation at Memphis University, playing under former NBA superstar Penny Hardaway.

This past month, the NCAA announced Wiseman was ineligible hours be-

fore his game against UIC. Although the NCAA had deemed Wiseman ineligible, Memphis continued to play him two games after.

The reason Wiseman was still able to play, even after being deemed ineligible, is because the NCAA cannot physically stop him from playing; it is merely a suggestion to Memphis, and the University's President has the power to decide if he plays.

Wiseman is being deemed ineligible

because his family accepted money from his current coach Penny to fund a mover from Nashville to Memphis.

The sum of money was allegedly \$11,500, which was given to the Wiseman family by Penny Hardaway when he was only a high school coach.

Memphis's defense against the NCAA is that this infraction happened years before anyone knew what would happen.

Now Memphis and Wiseman play

the waiting game as they are sitting him out until the NCAA comes up with a decision.

Memphis hopes to get its star player back soon.

Memphis is currently holding Wiseman out so that the NCAA cannot vacate any wins from them further down the road if Wiseman continued to play and was later found guilty.

By Tyler Hartline

Football and Cheerleading Seniors Honored at End of Season Game

School

At the end of every football season, the sideline cheerleading squad and football team have their annual senior walk as peers say their final goodbyes to the seniors who have put in years of hard work and dedication to the programs.

The senior walk consists of a team dinner that is then followed by the seniors from each team taking their final laps around the track to reminisce on past seasons and talk about their favorite memories.

While the seniors are walking, the underclassmen are instructed to stand silently in a circle in the center of the football field to wait for the seniors to come speak to them and give them advice for their future seasons.

"It was really emotional for everyone because it's like saying goodbye to such a huge part of our lives. It was sad to speak to the underclassmen, but it was even worse talking to the other seniors because we've grown up together and we won't be together anymore," senior cheerleading captain Korrin Dietrich said.

The senior walk is such an honored tradition to the teams because it gives them time to let go of years of memories, and it also gives the coaches the opportunity to have their upperclassmen give the underclassmen some motivation for the future.

By Nisha Savino

Fleetwood Students Enjoy Hunting Season

Community

The 2019 Hunting season has come and gone, and it was a popular recreation for Fleetwood students.

Rifle season started earlier than usual this year; instead of the Monday following Thanksgiving, it was the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

Many fine young Fleetwood students started hunting around the same age.

"[I started] when I was ten years old," junior Conor Heck said.

Nikolas Stella, a sophomore, also began around the same age.

"I started hunting when I was ten years old," Stella said.

"I think deer are majestic creatures. They are beautiful, smart animals that take skill to hunt," Wesley Seaman said.

"All deer are appreciated from small Bambis to large bucks," junior Noah Mojia said.

"When one hunts, they hunt so that there can be another day, a day filled with joy and family, a day that you can share with others with the carcass of the deer you shot. You and your family enjoy the meat from this deer; this is how hunting can bring folk together," Stella said.

"Hunting brings people together and helps you create and build bond."

By Tyler Hartline



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Popular Gamer Banned from Fortnite

Entertainment

Popular *Fortnite* YouTuber FaZe Jarvis has been banned by the game’s creators, Epic Games, following his public use of cheating hacks.

Jarvis was using an in-game cheat while playing *Fortnite* and had been punished for it. However, he claims his intent was for entertainment purposes only.

Born in England on 11 November 2001, Jarvis is more of a newer streamer on his own.

He made a name for himself playing *Call of Duty* on his brother’s YouTube channel, FaZe Kaye.

Jarvis then found the game of *Fortnite* and started streaming in 2018, leading to him getting a professional contract with FaZe Clan.

The gamer had previously uploaded a video of himself playing while openly using aimbots. He has since deleted it.

Jarvis explained that he received the ban after using aimbots, a type of in-game cheat that allows players to automatically aim at opponents, greatly increasing shooting accuracy.

He recently uploaded a video titled, “I’ve been banned from *Fortnite* (I’m sorry)”, and he has nearly 11.5 million views in which he explains his situation and apologizes to both the creators and his audience.

“It’s obvious that I made a massive mistake. And, of course, I would never think about doing anything like this again,” Jarvis said. “You know, when I was making those videos, I never thought about the consequences that could happen from me making those videos. I just thought about entertaining you guys.”

This has been shocking news to many of his fans, and they are upset at the punishment given to him.

“I am devastated that Jarvis has been banned. I used to watch all his clips on YouTube; hopefully, he starts playing new games like *Roblox*,” Braxton Fodor said.

Jarvis is currently taking a break from gaming to focus on his personal life and his family.

By Anthony Penaloza



Famous Internet Cat Lil BUB Passes Away

Entertainment

Born 21 June 2011, Lil BUB was an Internet-famous cat who touched the hearts of many.

She was the runt of her litter, and it was immediately clear she required special care.

She was known as a polydactyl cat (meaning she had extra toes), she suffered from an extreme case of dwarfism, and she sported a tongue that hung out of her mouth. Her unique features caught the attention of the Internet, and she quickly became famous.

When she was just over one-year-old, she became the first cat to be recorded with a case of osteopetrosis.

Despite these conditions, her owner, Mike Bridavsky, made sure she had the best life possible.

With her Internet fame, Lil BUB and Bridavsky created Lil BUB’s Big FUND

for the APSCA, the first national fund for special needs cats, which raised over \$300,000 for animals in need.

She also became a published author, a talk show host, and the star of an award-winning documentary.

Unfortunately, tragedy struck on 1 December, and Lil BUB lost her battle to her bone disease. She passed away at the age of 8.

“Dearest BUB, I will never forget your generosity, your limitless supply of love, or your uncanny ability to bring so much joy to the world,” Bridavsky said on Instagram.

Fans were heartbroken and took to Twitter. Lil BUB was trending and Bridavsky received thousands of messages of people sending their condolences to him and his family.

By Hannah Medina



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