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Section I: Good News

- Congratulations to Mrs. Maria Clarizio on being named Staff Member of the Month for May here at JTHS! Mrs. Clarizio has been a valued member of the English Department for quite some time as she worked for several years at the middle school and has been at the high school for two years. While here, she has grown the Sports & Entertainment Journalism program. Mrs. Clarizio has fit right in as a teacher here as students, teachers, counselors, and administrators respect and appreciate her positive attitude, hard work, and organization.
- Jefferson Township High School was recently named one of the best high schools in the country by U.S News and World Report. The school was ranked 145th in New Jersey out of 438 high schools or in the top 33%. In the nation, Jefferson Township High School ranked number 3,908 out of 17,245 school districts in the rankings or in the top 22%. The scoring criteria included college readiness, the percentage of students completing AP courses (36%), the graduation rate (95.2%), and the percentage of students proficient in reading and math. Thank you all for your efforts in making our school a great one! Keep up the good work!
- Spirit Day was held on May 17th. After a little rain, it continued with food trucks, music, lawn games, teacher-student kickball and frisbee, and a stellar Elevate A Capella performance. Thank you to the Student Council for organizing such a fun day!
- Congratulations to the Top 20 of the Class of 2019. A dinner was held on May 16th to celebrate these students. We are so proud of you! The diverse experiences and contributions of this group of students are beyond measure.
- Many of our Visual Art students attended the 2019 Teen Arts Festival on May 17th held on the campus of CCM. Several students won awards with high distinction for the artwork they had on display. A special award was presented to Junior Gabby Frueh for the drawing of her cat "Maui" which was selected as one of Best in Show. Her work will be displayed at the State Teen Arts Festival and could be selected to be part of a traveling exhibit. Congratulations to our Video Production students who won the 1st Place Video Production distinction for their short film entitled "Detention."
- At the Middletown High School Annual French Contest held on May 18th, Junior Patrick Flynn took 1st Place for "Original French Poem" and Seniors Yves Turgeon and Arianna Monero took 2nd for "Contemporary French Song." Patrick Flynn also took 1st Place for "Annual Spelling Bee." Congrats students and Madame Rice!



Home of the Falcons



- **The Fourth Annual JTHS Band Benefit Concert was held on May 20th featuring the JTHS Wind Ensemble with special guests the JT Community Band. All proceeds went to Operation Safe Home.**
- **On May 23rd, JTHS honored Newton High School student Lexi Faye who died tragically on May 11th and her three classmates who are still recovering from injuries. All donations received went to the Lexi Faye Heart of Gold Scholarship Fund!**
- **The 3rd Annual Unified Track and Field Meet was held on May 29th. It was a great success despite the bad weather! We had over 160 athletes from area schools competing in this event. Congratulations to all who participated and a huge thank you to Ms. Nicole Wildermuth for organizing it. A great article was written about this event in the NJ Herald:
<https://www.njherald.com/20190530/unified-track-meet-continues-to-showcase-enthusiasm-for-all-involved>**
- **Thank you to Senior Brittany Boetticher, JT Connect, Mayor & Mrs. Wilsusen and our professional staff for facilitating Suicide: The Ripple Effect program on May 21st. Project Speak Out is doing important work to increase awareness on suicide prevention.**
- **Congratulations to Peyton Riegel and Paul Monaco for being named the Morris County Athletic Directors Scholar-Athletes of the year.**
- **Congratulations to Mr. Rich Barrieres who conducted his final spring band concert on May 30th. We wish him all the best in retirement. You will be missed!**
- **The Mock Accident was held on June 3rd. The Mock Accident communicates such an essential message to our students. Thank you to our JTHS community organizations for organizing and producing this effort.**
- **On June 5th, our Valedictorian, James Knapik, and Salutatorian, Muskan Mantoo, were honored at the 33rd Annual Morris County Academic Achievement Recognition Dinner. We are beyond proud of the accomplishments of these two students.**
- **The Senior Student District Wide Clap Out was held on June 6th. Teachers and students lined the hallways in all of our schools to acknowledge their fellow students and soon to be graduates of JTHS. Each student in the senior class was allowed to pick one school to visit in the interest of time. Thank you to all who made this happen and a special thanks to our media students and Mr. Kazanfar for making a video!**
- **Congratulations to Abby Jentzen, Remi Makinde and Ashley Struck who were recognized at the Morris County Track and Field Luncheon held on June 10th.**
- **The Jefferson Township High School Community hosted our first ever Armed Forces Student Acknowledgement Day on June 11th. Congratulations to Seniors Colleen Kuntz, who will be attending the United States Air Force and was recognized for her entrance to a higher rank due to her Girl Scout Gold Award, and Jared Malley, who will be attending the United States Navy, for their commitment to the United States Armed Forces upon their graduation from Jefferson Township High School. Dr. Plotts led the ceremony and first congratulated and thanked the two students for their service. The students then had a moment to share a few words about what branch of service they would be attending and what their future military career plans are.**
- **On June 11th, we honored our Class of 2019 graduates at the Senior Awards Ceremony. Congratulations to everyone.**
- **The FBI's Hazardous Evidence Response Team presented to Ms. Magnuson's Forensics class on June 11th. This was definitely one of the coolest programs to date.**
- **Congratulations to our graduating class of 2019! Best of luck!!**

**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH
MAY 2019**

ScienceMason Bongo

Video Production.....Kyle McParland

Video Production..... Tyler Wyble

English..... Adam Hahn

Mathematics..... Eric Wolos

Physical Education..... Olivia LaMonica

Social Studies..... Joseph Perrelli

World Language..... Shannon Sullivan

Music..... Kaleb Williams

Business..... Brooke Capraun

Exceptional Education..... Ryan Richards