

# around the VALLEY

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SCHUYLKILL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



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As the school year comes to a close, once again I am so proud of the accomplishments of our students and staff. From our entering kindergartners to our graduating seniors, the growth and accomplishments of our students continues to amaze me.

As I move into retirement after thirty-nine years in education and five incredible years in Schuylkill Valley, I realize it is this sense of amazement and awe of our students that has brought me the most joy. I will always find great satisfaction in knowing that our district has given the children of our community a solid education.

To the credit of our bus drivers, our principals, our teachers, our cafeteria employees, our support staff, our PTO and parent groups, and our school board, I know deeply that Schuylkill Valley is a first-rate place for children to learn about and discover the wonderful world around them.

I will always be indebted to the families of our fine students. You have entrusted us with your child's education, you have supported the efforts of our teachers, and as a result we are blessed to have such fine students. The positive reputation of our school district begins with the solid upbringing of our students.

I will always be indebted to the taxpayers of our community. I hope you have found that my work, with the guidance and encouragement of our school board, has shown faithful stewardship of the tax dollars you have provided to our schools. It is my hope that the full community sees our school district as a safe and nurturing place for children to learn and grow.

As a farewell, I want to say "Thank you." It has been all joy!

*Warren Mata, Ed.D.*

"I am truly thankful for having had the opportunity to work with Dr. Mata over the past five years. I congratulate him on the many accomplishments the District has had throughout his leadership and I wish the very best for him in all his future endeavors. Thank you, Dr. Mata, for being a wonderful superintendent!"

Mr. Michael Billman, Director of Instructional and Information Technology

"One of the things that stood out about Dr. Mata during our interview process five years ago was his calm demeanor and his ability when asked a question to pause and think about his answer. This quality is one that a superintendent, in my opinion, must possess. He has proven to be a thought-provoking leader. At the core, Dr. Mata is a teacher with the ability to lead a district with honesty, integrity and a genuine desire to show that he cares deeply for each and every colleague, administrator, faculty member and student. I will personally miss him greatly. He has served Schuylkill Valley well!"

Mr. Kevin Raudenbush,  
President, SV Board of Directors

"Dr. Mata has been an excellent superintendent. He is a true leader who empowered all of us to do our jobs. He challenged all of us to think globally and look at different perspectives on situations before making decisions. He is a student-centered superintendent who made changes only when it was best for Schuylkill Valley, not because it was the latest trend in education. He will be greatly missed."

Mr. Michael Mitchell, Principal, High School

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## SCHUYLKILL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### BOARD MEETINGS

Committees generally meet the third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Board meetings are generally held the fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the high school's LeRoy K. Seip room.

### TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Administration	610-916-0957
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## Now You're Tech-ing!

On April 19, the district held a Technology Showcase, led by **Mr. Michael Billman**, director of Instructional and Information Technology, to share with school board members, parents, local media and business leaders the various ways SV students and teachers are utilizing technology. Visitors to the high school observed students engaged in the use of technology across subject areas and participated in a student and teacher panel discussion to solicit feedback on the use of technology. At the middle school, eighth grade Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and



Mathematics (STEAM) students demonstrated their curriculum using robotics. Students in the Discovery Learning classroom, an elementary school STEAM-based program, demonstrated experiments with balance and problem-solving inventions. The showcase was a great success! Thank you to the Schuylkill Valley School Board of Directors and the Schuylkill Valley community for their support, and to everyone who participated in this year's Technology Showcase.





## High School Students of the Month and Year Awards

On May 9, junior and senior Schuylkill Valley High School students were honored with Student of the Month and Student of the Year Awards presented by the Central Berks Lions Club, Centerport, and the Bern Township

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Lions Club, Bern Township. Students were selected based on their academic performance, co-curricular participation and volunteer service. Students of the Month received a certificate and a \$50 gift card to Barnes and Noble book store, and the Students of the Year were awarded an additional \$100 Barnes and Noble gift certificate.

Award recipients in the junior class were **Joseph Jardine**, **Lucas Horrell**, **Elizabeth Clement**, **Carissa Trievel**, **Colby Stichter**, **Olivia Jenkins**, **Emily Gunkel**, **Colin Gwiazdowski**, and **Mary Brooks**.

The junior Student of the Year was **Olivia Jenkins**. Olivia, the daughter of **Darryl and Amy Jenkins**, Bern Township, is a member of the National Honor Society, a Schuylkill Valley Student Ambassador, 2017 Berks County Triple Jump champion, a competitor in Academic Challenge and Science Olympiad, treasurer of the Zen Club and a member of the marching, jazz, and pit bands.



Seated, left to right: **Olivia Jenkins**, **Emily Gunkel**, **Elizabeth Clement**, **Kylie Brown**, **Gracey Butsack**, **Emma Bressler**. Standing, left to right: **Lucas Horrell**, **Joseph Jardine**, **Dustin Brown**, **Hunter Mountz**, **Carissa Trievel**, **Colin Gwiazdowski**, **Colby Stichter**, **Daniel Behler**, **Abbie Bailey**, **Mary Brooks**.

Not pictured: **Bethany Hepner** and **Madison Sisco**.

Honored senior class members were **Kylie Brown**, **Emma Bressler**, **Gracey Butsack**, **Dustin Brown**, **Madison Sisco**, **Daniel Behler**, **Bethany Hepner**, **Hunter Mountz**, and **Abbie Bailey**.

The senior Student of the Year was **Hunter Mountz**. Hunter, son of **Ted and Rachel Mountz**, Leesport, is president of the senior class, student council and chorus, president and founder of the AV Club, a student ambassador, captain of the varsity football and track and field teams, a performer with Panthers-on-Parade, an eighth-grade camp counselor and a volunteer youth football coach. He is also an MEBC county chorus member, student technical director and student lighting and sound designer.



School board members, Panther Pride Stadium Committee members, coaches, faculty, staff and students participated in the May 22 stadium renovation groundbreaking.

## Panther Pride Stadium Renovations Groundbreaking

The first steps toward renovating Schuylkill Valley's 55-year-old stadium, turf and track began at a Groundbreaking Ceremony on May 22 attended by school board directors, administration, coaches, Panther Pride Stadium committee volunteers, student athletes and staff. The renovations, with a projected completion date of September, 2017, include installation of an artificial turf playing field for multiple sports, an all-weather track surface, new lighting, a press box and a new ticket booth entrance. The stadium currently has a grass field and one of the last remaining cinder tracks in the county.

The long-overdue improvements to the stadium facilities will provide for more cost-effective maintenance and upkeep, reduce physical education and athletic-related injuries, and offer all SV students and athletes updated facilities that allow them to participate and compete at a higher level with enhanced experiences and opportunities comparable to those of other school districts across the county. The installation of an all-weather track and regulation-size turf playing field will en-

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able expanded use of the stadium facilities to accommodate outdoor athletic team field sports (football, soccer, field hockey and lacrosse); invitational and play-off athletic events that generate revenue for the District; local youth athletic programs; and events benefiting the community at large (Special Olympics, Relay for Life, etc.).

In October 2016, the Schuylkill Valley School District Board of Directors voted in favor of funding the initial phase of the project and, as a result, residents will not be asked to shoulder the cost at this time. The SV Panther Pride Stadium Committee, formed as a 501(c)(3) volunteer organization in November, 2014, has raised funds and community support through solicitation of digital scoreboard and stadium sponsors, annual golf outing fundraisers, custom t-shirt sales, personalized brick paver orders for the new Panther Pride Pathway, and various individual donor and athletic organization contributions.



## Business Office Receives Prestigious Award

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded Schuylkill Valley's Business Office with the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 2016. This award recognizes governmental agencies, in-

**Pennsylvania State Representative Barry Jozwiak** presents Business Manager **Mrs. Wendy Boarder**, Assistant Business Manager **Mrs. Changming Wang** and Superintendent **Dr. Warren Mata** with the Government Finance Officers Association Award.





## Inaugural Panther Impact Awards

On May 31, the district held its inaugural Panther Impact Awards presentation. Graduating seniors were invited to nominate any staff member who has had the biggest impact on his or her educational career from kindergarten through twelfth grade. The first-of-its kind reception to honor each nominee was held at the high school cafeteria. The recipients were:

**Mr. Jason Bagenstose**, HS English teacher, nominated by *Riley Himmelberger* and *Madison Sisco*

**Mrs. Heather Barrett**, HS English teacher, nominated by *Kylie Brown* and *Olivia Roth*

**Mr. Jeff Chillot**, HS math teacher and head football coach, nominated by *Bethany Hepner*,

*Brock Klahold*, *Mikayla Perskey*, and *Sierra Pullano*

**Mrs. Lisa Chillot**, HS science teacher, nominated by *Amber Walters*

**Mr. Mark Chlebowski**, HS science teacher, nominated by *Ben Bowers* and *Paige Campfield*

**Mr. Tony Deininger**, HS music teacher, nominated by *Daniel Behler*

**Miss Kate Heffner**, MS English teacher, nominated by *Hunter Mountz*

**Ms. Dana Heins**, MS social studies teacher, nominated by *Aaron Danks*

**Mr. Mark Horrell**, HS math teacher and Leo Club advisor, nominated by *Samantha Phillips*

**Mr. Phil Kissinger**, HS German teacher, nominated by *Jake Johnson*

**Mr. Terry McKechnie**, HS track and field coach, nominated by *Gracey Butsack*

**Mr. Tim Mogford**, HS English teacher and drama director, nominated by *Alyssa Bainbridge*, *Lydia Forsythe*, *Kacie Jones*, *Meg Lynam*, and *Bethany Schlott*

**Mrs. Kelly Musket**, HS fitness and wellness teacher, nominated by *Blaise Hoster*

**Mrs. Catherine Paff**, MS math teacher, nominated by *Tristan Weller*

**Mrs. Traci Pawling**, HS Spanish teacher, nominated by *Brynna Haupt*

**Mrs. Kathy Reedy**, HS nurse, nominated by *Abbie Bailey*

**Mrs. Sandy Roeder**, first grade teacher, nominated by *Nicole Frank*

**Mrs. Elizabeth Schucker**, fourth grade teacher, nominated by *Kayla LaFaver*

**Mrs. Marsha Townsend**, fourth grade teacher, nominated by *Hannah Degler*

cluding municipalities, cities, counties and states, throughout the United States for commitment to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. While Schuylkill Valley is not technically a governmental agency, it is the first school district in Pennsylvania to receive this award. To be eligible, the district had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation, including how well an entity's budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide and a communications device.

On March 27, **Pennsylvania State Representative Barry Jozwiak** attended the School Board meeting to present Business Manager **Mrs. Wendy Boarder** and Assistant Business Manager **Mrs. Changming Wang** with the GFOA's Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation. "To earn this award, the district had to substantially conform to the award program's demanding criteria," Rep. Jozwiak said. "These requirements include developing and implementing a financial plan that supports student learning and instructional priorities." Hearty congratulations to the Business Office for this well-deserved honor.



Elementary school students in the gifted program visited the Channel 69 newsroom.



Students in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade gifted program met with author **Mrs. Lisa Werley** and illustrator **Mrs. Ronda Seymour**, SV Middle School art teacher, when the two visited their classroom in February. The students tried out the decision-making process Mrs. Werley and Mrs. Seymour utilized when they wrote their book, *The Giving Jar*. Later, the students visited with

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TV personality **Nancy Werten** at WFMZ Channel 69 in Allentown. There, in addition to touring the TV studio and asking questions of co-anchors **Jaciel Cordoba** and **Eve Russo**, the students participated in a financial literacy activity related to *The Giving Jar* book.

## Dream It. Do It. PA.

Eighth-grade gifted students created a video and visited Packaging Corp. of America (PCA), located in Muhlenberg, by participating in the *What's So Cool About Manufacturing* contest

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sponsored by "Dream It. Do It. PA." The video contest provided middle school students, teachers, administrators and the community a behind-the-scenes look at local manufacturers and the career opportunities that are possible with and without a college education. According to **Dr. Deborah Schmeck**, Teacher of Gifted Support and Reading, "the point of the video contest is for students to discover that manufacturing in the United States is no longer dirty, dark and dangerous. By creating a video that highlights traditional jobs, like welding, and exciting manufacturing careers, such as engineering and accounting, students serve as ambassadors to their peers." Students commented that throughout the process they learned new skills and adjusted their perception of what manufacturing is really like. Said one student, "I was surprised by the



Eighth-grade gifted program students **Kara Faulk**, **Addison Angstadt**, **Ryan Szymczyk**, **DaiQuan Bryan**, and **Timothy Horrell**

cleanliness and the strong sense of family at PCA." Parents, too, felt the program was valuable as a way for students to learn about industry, advertising, video production and working together with others to create a finished product. The program was so successful this year that a number of the seventh grade gifted students have already requested that they be able to participate in this contest when they become eighth graders.





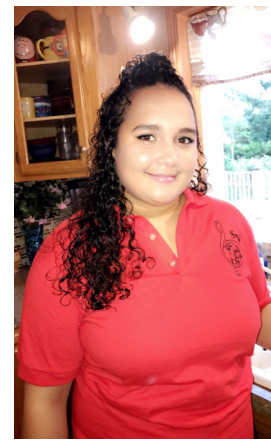
Second-graders **Kyla Medina**, **Jocelyn Pursel**, and **Macy Lord** wore pajamas to school on April 27 to support fundraising for pediatric cancer research.

## Elementary Students Get Comfy for a Good Cause

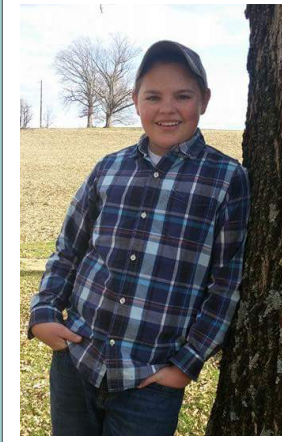
SVES students and staff raised \$1,878 for kids with cancer by donating money to wear pajamas to school on “P’Jammin Day,” held on April 27. P’Jammin events support the thousands of children who, living in their pajamas for months while receiving treatment, often miss school, time

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with siblings and friends, and other normal childhood activities. Second-grader **Kyla Medina**, in **Mrs. Jessica Lafko**’s class, brought the idea to the attention of Mrs. Lafko and school counselor **Mrs. Lauren Matthews**. “P’Jammin Day is important to me because I want to help kids with cancer survive,” Kyla said. “I hope that all the money we raised will go to making medicine for kids with cancer, so they will get healthy and survive.” Funds raised by the event will provide resources and support for children and their families currently fighting cancer.



Elsie Lebron, 8th grade



Tanner Davis, 8th grade

## Leadership Awards

Middle school students **Elsie Lebron**, daughter of **Francisco Lebron**, Bern Township, and **Tanner Davis**, son of **Michael and Angela Davis**, Centre Township, were recognized as recipients of the **Joan Jarrett Outstanding Middle Level Student Award** at the annual Pennsylvania Association for Middle Level Education

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(PAMLE) conference held in State College in February. The Joan Jarrett student award honors outstanding young adolescents who are in the “middle” and who generally don’t receive recognition. Students eligible for the award demonstrate leadership and good citizenship, and make positive contributions to their school and community. Elsie and Tanner each were given the opportunity to select a charity to receive a \$100 donation from PAMLE. Elsie chose Four Diamonds Foundation and Tanner selected Brethren Disaster Ministries. Congratulations on receiving this honor!



SVES students joined together to help kids with cancer on P’Jammin Day.



## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



**Kyle Snyder and Evan Minacapelli** attended the Buddy Bench dedication for the project they constructed in the Carpentry program at the West Campus of BCTC.



**Miss Rachel Himes and Mrs. Sandra Griffiths**, first grade teachers, release butterflies at the Buddy Bench dedication.

## Celebrating Friendship

“There are no strangers here, only friends you haven’t met yet,” said poet William Butler Yeats a hundred years ago. The adage still holds true at Schuylkill Valley elementary where a Buddy Bench, envisioned, designed

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and built by faculty, staff and students, was dedicated in memory of two special members of the SV family. The idea came from school counselor **Mrs. Lauren Matthews**, who enlisted help from **Mrs. Carey Steward**, art teacher, for the design and painting. The bench was built by SV high school students **Evan Minacapelli** and **Kyle Snyder**, both in the carpentry program at Berks Career and Technology Center. On May 26, a dedication ceremony, featuring poems about friendship read by students from every grade, was held on the school’s playground. Butterflies which had been grown in each classroom were released to symbolize the spirit of friendship and music teacher **Ms. Alexandra Kozak** led the whole school in a rousing chorus of “You’ve Got A Friend In Me.” **Mrs. Missy Kelchner**, principal, said that the Buddy Bench was inspired by the love and kindness of two special people, who are remembered for their gentle dispositions and bright, colorful personalities, just like the butterflies. “Butterflies bring a smile to everyone they meet, so we chose to grow butterflies to honor the people who inspired this bench,” Mrs. Kelchner said. Butterfly bushes are planted on either side to welcome the return of the butterflies each spring. Mrs. Kelchner encouraged students to make and be a friend by joining anyone who sits on the bench. “Our Buddy Bench is a place you can count on to find a friend when you need one,” Mrs. Kelchner said. “We hope you will make those who inspired this bench proud by being kind, being caring and being a friend.”





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### Walking Has Its Own Rewards

The elementary school's Walking Club went on its 13th annual Walking Club Trip on May 10. Thirty-three students in grades one through four showed dedication throughout the school year by committing to walking during recess. In recognition of their accomplishment, the students earned the opportunity to participate in a two-mile hike at Blue Marsh with Physical Education teacher **Mr. Todd Reinert** and parent chaperones. Special thanks to the PTO for sponsoring the transportation to and from the hike, and for the healthy snacks and drinks that everyone enjoyed.

### Aerobic Fitness

In April, the students in grades six, seven, and eight performed the aerobic capacity FITNESSGRAM 15-meter PACER Test in **Mr. Nicholas Pirrocco's** Physical Education class. The PACER test measures an individual's aerobic endurance. During their fitness unit, students have learned about and targeted the main "Health- Related Components of Fitness" (aerobic/ cardio fitness, muscular strength, muscular endurance and flexibility). Throughout the school year, students develop these components in each class during their warm-ups, in preparation for the fitness assessment measures, like the PACER, and in their overall wellness.

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The top female and male PACERS in each grade, below, will have their names engraved on a record board which will be installed at the middle school to inspire future students:

6th Grade Female - **Emily Gao**, 68 Laps

6th Grade Male - **Ryan Koch**, 91 Laps

7th Grade Female - **Julia Bressler**, 73 Laps

7th Grade Male - **Luke Seymour**, 94 Laps

8th Grade Female - **Abbey White**, 67 Laps

8th Grade Male - **Jayden Seymour**, 115 Laps



# SHOW TIME!

Senior **Dan Behler** (Tin Man), Sophomore **Bailey Ammons** (Scarecrow), senior **Hunter Mountz** (Cowardly Lion) and senior **Kylie Brown** (Dorothy) delighted audiences in Panthers-On-Parade's production of *The Wizard of Oz*, directed by **Miss Kate Heffner**, 8th grade English teacher.



The high school's Competition Theatre team won Best Production at the Bucks County Playhouse Schools' Theatre Festival, an annual event which featured more than fifty shows by thirty schools from three states. As a result, the team was invited to perform at the Best of Fest Showcase, featuring eight of those fifty-plus shows, at Rider University in New Jersey on May 7. The students – **Daniel Behler**, **Bridgette Bennett**, **Cort Borelli**, **Mary Brooks**, **Kylie Brown**, **Lydia Forsythe**, and **Hunter Mountz** - performed "Option Apathy," an original play written and directed by high school Drama Director **Mr. Tim Mogford**.

Students from the elementary and middle schools performed as Munchkins in the spring production of *The Wizard of Oz*.



Elementary school artwork was featured at the annual SVES Art Show on May 17. Every student in grades K-4 had at least one piece of art displayed.







SVES Assistant Principal **Mrs. Melissa Rhoads**, third-grader **Isaiah Lopez** and Reading Specialist **Mrs. Deborah Werstler** welcomed Fightin' Phils players to school on May 12.

## Fightin' Phils Visit SV Elementary

On Friday, May 12, two area celebrities visited the elementary school to congratulate SV students for raising

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the most money in the Literacy Council of Reading-Berks' Reader's Win fundraising campaign. SV elementary students collected \$6,247.95 in January and, for the fourth time in

five years, turned in the most money, topping fifteen other elementary schools throughout the county. This school-wide effort, with an emphasis on reading, earned the students a special visit from Fightin' Phils players **Kyle Martin**, first baseman, and **Mario Hollands**, relief pitcher. Top participants in the fundraiser helped the players answer language arts trivia questions. Mr. Martin and Mr. Hollands also shared their favorite books, their favorite subject in elementary school and the types of reading they do for their jobs as baseball players.

## International Landmark Challenge 2017

The month-long international Landmark Challenge 2017 recently concluded for SV's eighth-grade gifted students. They engaged in stiff on-

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line competition against students in Russia, the Czech Republic, and the United States. More than a month of relentless clue-solving, map-consulting, question-asking, online

researching, and working together with teachers, friends, parents, and gifted classmates paid off. The competition was intense, but out of the 36 teams that participated, SV tied for fifth place by using nine clues to identify the landmark as the Tempio Hindu in Victoria on Mahe Island, Seychelles.



Tempio hindu, a small yet impressive place of worship. Built in 1992 the carved, brightly painted gopuram features lavishly decorated interiors and elaborate sculptures.



Varsity Assistant Coach **Brian Boyer**, Head Junior High Coach **Kenny Grauer**, Varsity Assistant Coach **Dan Shuman**, **Luke Williams**, **Delanie Heck-Hoppes**, **Logan Grauer**, **Brendan Sparr**, **Joe Jardine**, **Dustin Brown**, **Ben Reisenweaver**, Varsity Head Coach **Allyson McKechnie**, Varsity Head Coach **Terry McKechnie**, and Varsity Assistant Coach **Todd Reinert**.



All-County Track and Field winners **Abbie Bailey**, **Brynn Haupt**, and **Olivia Jenkins**.



## HIGH SCHOOL College Signing

The following senior students signed National Letters of Intent on May 24 to attend and play at these Division I and II universities.

### **Gracey Butsack**

Rutgers University,  
field hockey

### **Emma Bressler**

University of Massachusetts,  
field hockey

### **Noah Lassandro**

Concordia University at  
Irvine, volleyball

## SV Track + Field Results

Congratulations to the following student athletes from Schuylkill Valley's Track and Field team, coached by **Mr. Terry McKechnie**, **Mrs. Allyson McKechnie**, **Mrs. Crystal Cammauf**, **Mr. Todd Reinert**, and **Mr. Dan Shuman**.

The Boys Track and Field Team was the runner-up in the PIAA State meet held at Shippensburg University.

**Abbie Bailey**, 12th grade:  
Discus champion, BCIAA meet;  
All-County

**Dustin Brown**, 12th grade:  
Triple Jump champion, BCIAA  
and PIAA District III meets, 8th  
place in PIAA State meet, All-State

**Brynn Haupt**, 12th grade:  
100 Meters champion, BCIAA meet;  
All-County

**Olivia Jenkins**, 11th grade:  
Triple Jump champion,  
BCIAA meet; All-County

**Joe Jardine**, 11th grade:  
Pole Vault champion, BCIAA  
and PIAA District III meets;  
silver medalist in PIAA State meet;  
All-State

**Brendan Sparr**, 11th grade:  
Long Jump champion, BCIAA,  
PIAA District III and PIAA State  
meets; All-State

**Dustin Brown**, 12th grade,  
**Logan Grauer**, 11th grade,  
**Joe Jardine**, 11th grade, and  
**Luke Williams**, 11th grade:  
4 X 100 Relay champions,  
PIAA District III meet; All-State

**Logan Grauer**, 11th grade,  
**Delanie Heck-Hoppes**, 11th grade,  
**Ben Reisenweaver**, 11th grade, and  
**Luke Williams**, 11th grade:  
4 X 400 Relay, silver medalists in  
PIAA State meet; All-State



Schuylkill Valley High School held commencement exercises on the evening of June 8, 2017, with 139 seniors graduating. Full coverage of graduation will appear in the August issue of the SV District Newsletter.

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