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SCHUYLKILL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

## Meet Dr. Cathy Taschner, New Superintendent of Schools

At their August 3rd meeting, the Schuylkill Valley School District announced the appointment of **Dr. Cathy L. Taschner** as Superintendent of Schools. Originally from Chester County, Dr. Taschner now resides in Berks County, with her husband. Dr. Taschner and her husband live on a small farmette where they have horses, sheep, goats, chickens, two dogs, and two barn cats. They hope to someday own a mini donkey, a few steers and a pig. In her free time, Dr. Taschner enjoys working in her vegetable garden, riding and teaching others how to ride horses, playing piano, cooking her grandmother's recipes, baking, and playing and watching sports. In addition, she likes to help in her brother's auto body shop, attend events at the Fulton Theatre, and host weekend dinners for family and friends.

Dr. Taschner earned her bachelor's degree in teaching at Messiah College (now Messiah University). She earned her first master's degree in health and physical education at West Chester University and earned her second master's degree and doctorate in educational leadership

from Immaculata University. In addition to holding a superintendent's letter of eligibility for the state of Pennsylvania, she recently just completed an additional two-year rigorous National Superintendent's Certification program through the AASA. (American Association of School Administrators).

Dr. Taschner began her career teaching in the Twin Valley School District. She went on to become an assistant principal before accepting the role of principal where she received the TASH award for co-principal of the year. During that time, Dr. Taschner was appointed to the Bureau Director's Advisory Panel on Least Restrictive Environment (Gaskin's Panel) by the Governor. She served on that statewide panel and served as the chairperson of the panel and the LRE committee. Dr. Taschner also served as an assistant superintendent in several districts and a superintendent in the Coatesville Area School District. While Dr. Taschner was serving in the



Coatesville Area School District, the district won the Magna Award from the National School Boards Association and received recognition from the National Council for Teacher Quality for their work in professional learning. She also was named as Secondary Administrator of the Year by the YMWIC program, and Hometown Hero by the Chester County Futures.

Dr. Taschner says her goal is first and foremost that every student and staff

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## SCHUYLKILL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

**Dr. Cathy L. Taschner**  
Superintendent

**Dr. Janet C. Heilman**  
Assistant Superintendent

**Mrs. Jenny Rexrode**  
High School Principal

**Ms. Lacey Smey**  
Assistant High School Principal

**Dr. Joshua Kuehner**  
Middle School Principal

**Mrs. Candice Kehres**  
Assistant Middle School Principal

**Mrs. Courtney Maguire**  
Elementary School Principal

**Mr. Jason Williams**  
Assistant Elementary School Principal

**Mrs. Kate Costenbader**  
Supervisor of Special Education

**Mr. Michael Billman**  
Director of Information Technology

**TBD**  
Business Manager

**Mr. Casey Blankenbiller**  
Director of Buildings and Grounds

**Miss Stephanie L. Deibler**  
Athletic Director

**Ms. Robin Brightbill**  
Director of Human Resources

**Mrs. Diane Kaag**  
Food Service Director

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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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. Instructions to attend the meetings via Zoom or by phone are posted on the district's website.

### TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Administration	610-916-0957
High School	610-926-1706
Middle School	610-926-7111
Elementary School	610-926-4165

## DISTRICTNEWS

### Meet Dr. Cathy Taschner continued

member of our district would come to our buildings each day and find a place of safety, community and belonging. It will be her goal to meet with as many parents, students and staff as possible during her transition and well after she enters the district. Dr. Taschner is putting together an "Entry Team" that will be assisting with the transition. The

Entry Team will be meeting with me weekly to ensure that we have opportunities to meet parents, faculty, support staff, community members, and most importantly, the students! Once she officially begins in the upcoming months, parents can reach Dr. Taschner via email at [ctaschner@schuylkillvalley.org](mailto:ctaschner@schuylkillvalley.org), or by calling her secretary, **Sue Christman**.

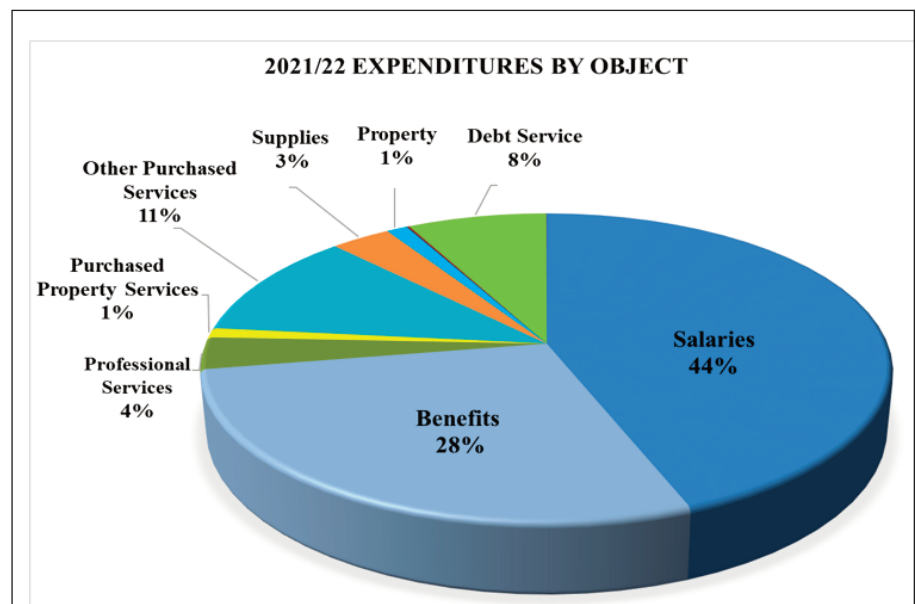
## 2021-2022 School District Budget

**SVSD  
Revenue:**  
Local 74%  
State 24%  
Federal 2%

In June, the Schuylkill Valley Board of Directors unanimously approved a budget of \$41,680,075, without increasing taxes, for the 2021-2022 school year. The budget includes no curricular program cuts and 0% increase for health insurance costs. The cost drivers include contributions to the state teachers' retirement fund (PSERS) and increases in salaries.

As a result of the distribution of state gaming funds through Act 1 of 2006, school property taxes were reduced by \$156.93 this year for all property owners who qualified as homesteads and/or farmsteads. The annual tax bill for a property assessed at \$100,000 remains at 27.82 mills, or \$2,782.

For more information on the school district's budget, please visit the Administration/Business Office page of our website at [www.schuylkillvalley.org](http://www.schuylkillvalley.org).



The 2021-2022 budget has total expenditures of \$41,680,075, which is an increase of \$821,431 or 2% over 2020-2021 expenditures.

## DISTRICTNEWS

# Meet Dr. Janet C. Heilman, New Assistant Superintendent of Schools

Changing roles this year is **Dr. Janet C. Heilman**, former acting superintendent and director of pupil services and learning, who has been hired as the district's new assistant superintendent. Originally from Muhlenberg Township, Dr. Heilman now resides in Brecknock Township with her husband of 27 years, Dave. Dr. Heilman has two sons, a stepson, a stepdaughter, and six grandchildren ranging from three to 12 years old. In her free time, Dr. Heilman enjoys riding her tandem bike with her husband, training and participating in Disney running events, and making memorable books and other items to preserve her family's history.

Dr. Heilman earned her associate's degree in early childhood management at Reading Area Community College. She earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education as well as her master's in educational leadership at Alvernia University. She has a Ph.D. from Capella University in leadership in educational administration. Dr. Heilman started her career in the Reading School District where she taught in elementary for nine years, mostly as a second grade teacher. She then accepted the position of assistant principal for three years before ending her tenure as an elementary school principal for five years. Dr. Heilman served as the principal of East Elementary School in the Conrad Weiser School District for seven years before coming to Schuylkill Valley in January 2020. While at Schuylkill Valley, Dr. Heilman has served as the director of teaching and learning, director of pupil services, as well as the acting superintendent since May of 2021. During her time as a principal, Dr. Heilman created and implemented the Reading Marathon Challenge. This gave students an opportunity to challenge themselves to read independently and with their families. Students were challenged to read a certain number of books or minutes to qualify as a "finisher." This program was nationally recognized by HLN and runDisney. Dr. Heilman ran this program in three different elementary schools over the course of nine years.



Dr. Janet C. Heilman

Dr. Heilman says that since she's had the opportunity to serve the students, families, faculty, and community of the Schuylkill Valley School District, she has had many positive experiences. The most gratifying is the ability to be part of the next chapter in this district's history. She has found it to be most positive to be able to plan and implement positive opportunities to ensure the growth of all who are part of the SV community. Working with dedicated educators and families has been very meaningful to her.

Dr. Heilman encourages anyone who would like to communicate with her to reach her in the way they are most comfortable. She prefers communicating on the phone or in person because the dialogue that person-to-person communications offer allows her to listen most intently. It also affords her the opportunity to solve issues and concerns more effectively.

You can reach out Dr. Heilman by email at [jheilman@schuylkillvalley.org](mailto:jheilman@schuylkillvalley.org), or by phone 610-916-0957.



## HIGH SCHOOL



**MEET**  
**Mrs. Jenny Rexrode**  
HIGH SCHOOL  
PRINCIPAL

The Schuylkill Valley family welcomes **Mrs. Jenny Rexrode** as its new high school principal. Originally from Exeter Township, Mrs. Rexrode now lives in Mohnton with her husband, Damien, their two dogs, Barkley, a Rottweiler, and Blue, a Great Pyrenees Mountain Dog, and their cat, KitKat. In the summer, Mrs. Rexrode loves going to the beach with her husband and two dogs, and in the winter, she loves to ski. Mrs. Rexrode also enjoys running, reading, cooking, and shopping.

Mrs. Rexrode earned her bachelor's degree in English at Albright college. She earned two master's degrees at Wilkes University, one in classroom technology and the other in educational leadership. Mrs. Rexrode was employed at Daniel Boone Area School District, originally as a seventh-grade English teacher at the middle school for 12 years before

accepting the position of assistant principal at the high school for two years and ended her tenure with the district after serving as the principal of the middle school for the past seven years. During her time as a teacher at Daniel Boone Middle School, Mrs. Rexrode served as the advisor for the yearbook, ski club, and National Junior Honor Society. She also coached Girls on the Run at the middle school for the past three years.

Mrs. Rexrode says that she is most looking forward to supporting our students and continuing to build a strong community of students, staff, and faculty at Schuylkill Valley. She looks forward to supporting students in meeting their goals and being successful academically, as well as socially and emotionally.

Mrs. Rexrode encourages anyone who would like to communicate with her to reach her through her email: [jrexrode@schuylkillvalley.org](mailto:jrexrode@schuylkillvalley.org).



**MEET**  
**Ms. Lacey Smey**  
HIGH SCHOOL  
ASSISTANT  
PRINCIPAL

Please give a warm welcome to **Ms. Lacey Smey**, our new assistant high school principal. Ms. Smey resides just outside of Bernville, PA, with her daughter, Charlotte. In her free time, Ms. Smey likes to travel and explore new places with her daughter. She enjoys playing sports and exercising and recently got into paddle boarding. Ms. Smey loves watching movies and spending time in the great outdoors.

Ms. Smey earned her bachelor's degree in education at Millersville University. She earned her master's degree in education with a principal certification at Wilkes University. Ms. Smey was employed at Reading School District, originally as a seventh grade English teacher at Southern Middle School for 11 years before accepting the position of eighth grade English teacher at

Central Middle School for two years and she ended her tenure with the district after serving as the Dean of Students at Reading High School for the past year and a half. In addition to her teaching and administrative roles at Reading School District, Ms. Smey was on the curriculum mapping and design team, an ISS teacher lead, a detention monitor, a team leader, participated in SAP, and spent one year as a department head.

One of Ms. Smey's goals for the 2021-22 school year is to establish a community of trust and create a healthy school environment where students and families are confident that their children are safe.

Ms. Smey encourages anyone who would like to communicate with her to reach her through her email: [lsmey@schuylkillvalley.org](mailto:lsmey@schuylkillvalley.org).

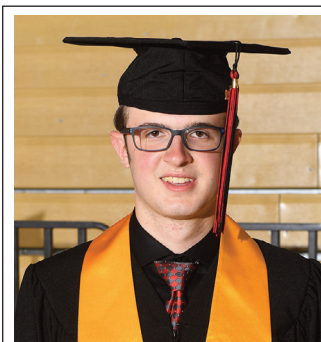


# 2021 COMMENCEMENT

Commencement exercises were held on June 8 at the high school stadium for the 130 members of the Schuylkill Valley High School Class of 2021. The valedictorian was **Aidan Gensure**, son of Joseph Gensure and Lynn Longenecker, Ontelaunee Township. **Brice Dornblaser**, son of Edward Dornblaser and Tracy Stettler, Leesport Borough, was the salutatorian.



Valedictorian  
Aidan Gensure



Salutatorian  
Brice Dornblaser



Summa and Magna Cum Laude Graduates: sitting – **Sandra Goho, Ella Jenkins, Samantha Stewart, Addison Angstadt, Allora Fernandez, Lily Dang, and Emily Zaharia**; standing – **Aidan Gensure, Vanessa Jones, Ashlyn Giles, Jillian Phillips, Cassidy Noll, and Isabella Romig**; standing – **Ryan Szymczyk, Evan Edris, Michael Herman, Timothy Horrell, and Nathan Schaeffer**; standing – **Tyler Steffy, Steel Boyer, Brice Dornblaser, and Daniel Koch**.

## SVHS Co-Curricular Award Winners

PIAA District III E. Jerry Brooks  
Academic All-Star Award:

**Aidan Gensure**  
**Timothy Horrell**  
**Izzy Romig**  
**Nathan Schaeffer**

PIAA District III  
Sportsmanship:

**Vlad Caba**  
**Izzy Romig**

Outstanding Male and  
Female Senior Athletes:

**Zach Heffner**  
**Abigayle White**

Commitment Award:  
**Addison Angstadt**

John Phillip Sousa  
Band Award:  
**Ryan Szymczyk**

Director's Award for Band:  
**Ella Jenkins**

National School Choral Awards:  
**Ella Jenkins**  
**Daniel Koch**



## HIGH SCHOOL



### Summer Kick Off Carnival

Members of the National Honor Society and PYEA helped our elementary students celebrate the end of a successful school year and kick off the start of the summer season! They volunteered their time to help at the PTO Summer Kick Off Carnival held at the Leesport Farmers Market on Saturday, June 5. There were games, prizes, concessions, raffles, and more! Thank you to the Schuylkill Valley Elementary PTO and our student volunteers for hosting this event!



### A Victory for Four Diamonds

Panther Stadium was the place to be on Thursday night, May 27, as the Junior girls claimed victory over the Senior girls to claim the Powder Puff Football Trophy. In the first quarter, the Juniors put points on the board after a 49-yard TD run by **Lekiah Solomon** and then later in the quarter added an 18-yard TD run by **Gabby DeMarco**. Neither 2-point attempt was good. The Junior scoring continued into the second quarter with a 77-yard TD run by **Reagan Rittenhouse**. This 2-point conversion was successful with a 2-yard run by Lekiah Solomon. The Seniors responded with a 26-yard TD run by **Abby White**, who also scored the conversion. Lekiah Solomon opened the third quarter with a 32-yard run TD. The rest of the scoring came in the 4th quarter with a 2-yard TD run by

**Astou Sarr**, but the Seniors responded on the very next series with a 2-yard TD run by **Courtney Thompson**, coupled with the 2-point conversion scored by **Izzy Romig**. The Juniors came back with a 55-yard TD run by **Sarah Gilbert**. This ended the game with the final score Juniors 38–Seniors 16.

The real winners were the children helped by Four Diamonds. All the money collected went to this great charity as part of PYEA's Mini-THON effort. We would like to thank **Mrs. Musket, Mr. Binkley, Mr. Crills, Mr. Wisotsky, Mr. Yoder, Mr. Bagenstose, Mr. Grim, Mr. Heffner, Mrs. Rowles** and both **Mr. and Mrs. Horrell** for helping to make this event happen. We also would like to thank **Ms. Harle** for decorating the trophy.



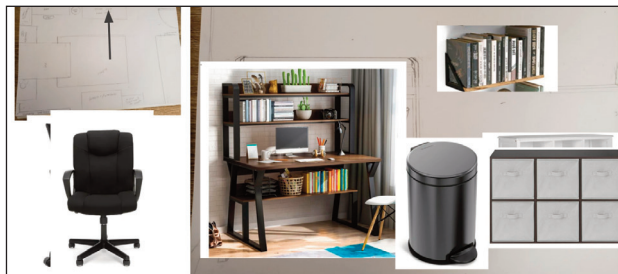


**HIGH SCHOOL****PYEA Hosts Mini-THON to Support Four Diamonds**

On May 28, the Pennsylvania Youth Education Association sponsored its annual Mini-THON to help raise money for the charity, Four Diamonds. PYEA hosted kickball, cornhole, gaga and badminton tournaments; ultimate hopscotch and visor decorating contests; yard games; group line dances; and a teacher match game. All attendees received a visor and a FTK swag bag, and the Farm Show Milkshake truck came to sell milkshakes here at the high school. A total of 617 milkshakes were sold, completely selling out the truck! Helping to sell shakes was 2019 graduate and current Berks County Dairy Princess, **Mikayla Davis**, who was a former PYEA member.

We would like to thank **Good Life Financial**, **Steve Moyer Subaru**, and **SVEA** for their donations to help cover the costs of our event. Our Mini-THON this year was able to raise \$4,356, bringing our total for the year to \$8,617 raised for Four Diamonds. *Note: This total may increase as there are a few donations not yet received.*

A special thanks needs to go out to our officers: **Addison Angstadt**, **Sarah Gilbert**, **Samantha Stewart**, and **Helene Yerger** for all their leadership in making this our most successful year yet!



Allora Fernandez's room mood board.



Madison Starr's room design.

**Designing for a Purpose**

The organization, Mary's Shelter, held a contest where each school in Berks County was to create and present an interior design layout of a bedroom that they were assigned. Mary's Shelter is a housing and parenting support shelter for pregnant woman and pregnant mothers in Reading, PA. All students in the 3D art classes at the high school participated, and both **Allora Fernandez** and **Madison Starr** were selected to present to the judging board from Mary's Shelter and the Berks County Intermediate Unit in mid-May. Both girls' designs were chosen, and their sketches and digital presentations will be made into actual living environments for future residents of the shelter. What a fantastic opportunity for these two students! Congratulations to both Allora and Madison.



## HIGH SCHOOL



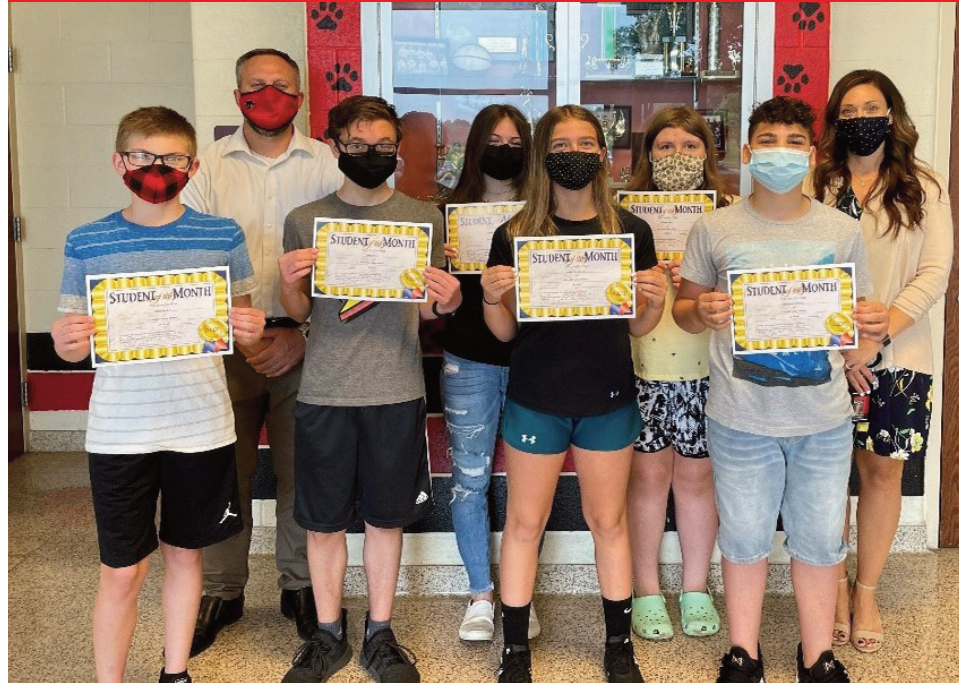
## SVHS Senior Organizes "Her Drive"

National Honor Society sponsored a "Her Drive" in the spring to help collect items for women in need at the Opportunity House in Reading, PA. Class of 2021 graduate, **Kara Faulk**, came up with the idea of the "Her Drive" and organized it.

Kara arranged all aspects of the drive, which focused on the donation of feminine hygiene products, bras, underwear and other items specific to women. Because of the generosity of the SV community, more than 1,400 items were donated to the shelter.

Special thanks to Kara and NHS for organizing and sponsoring this event, and to the SV Community for making donations!

## MIDDLE SCHOOL



## SVMS May Students of the Month

Congratulations to the middle school May students of the month!

**Manny Adejo, Alex DiFatta, Haleigh Eisenhower, Violet Grosselfinger, Avery Kubacki, Logan Kunkle, Trystan McWilliams, Morgan Miller, Aaron Raver, and Cerina Readinger.**



## Kona Ice Cool Down at Middle School Field Day

The middle school students enjoyed their last days of the 2020-2021 school year participating in Field Days! Students were busy engaging in different activities and had the opportunity to cool down with some Kona Ice.



## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



### Fourth Graders Compete in Reading Olympics

SVES Reading Olympics teams were delighted to compete in the Berks County Elementary Reading Olympics Celebration in May 2021. This year the event was held virtually and many schools in Berks County participated. Reading Olympics is designed to encourage students to read more by helping them discover the joy and excitement of reading and talking about books.

Two fourth-grade teams, **The Purrfect Readers** and **#BookSquad**, led by **Miss Redcay** and **Mrs. Jacobs**, worked together to read 25 books from an assigned list. Students have been getting ready for the Reading Olympics since Fall 2020. They read and journaled about their books, as well as attended after-school clubs and practice sessions to prepare for the competition.

During the event, each team answered a total of 50 questions based on the books, and both teams earned 1st Place Ribbons!

Thank you to **Mrs. Maguire**, SVES Principal, and to SVHS students, **Anna Gwiazdowski** and **Isabella Burch** for volunteering to moderate the event helping to make it a success.

Congratulations to our dedicated teams!



## Success at Summer Learning Academy!

Teachers and students at the elementary school worked in groups based on their academic needs to build on and prepare them for their next grade level. The Summer Learning Academy began on June 28 and went until August 5. Mondays and Wednesdays were dedicated to learning all about math and science, and on Tuesdays and Thursdays, students focused on English language arts and social studies.

The theme for the first week of math and science days was camping. Students focused on creating binoculars that would be used in a campus-wide nature walk. During the second week on math and



science days, students focused on a superhero theme that involved superhero yoga and superhero ziplines. Students used yarn, pipe cleaners, tape, and scissors to communicate, collaborate, critically think, and create a zipline using the playground equipment.

We are so proud of all our students' accomplishments at the Summer Learning Academy!



## FALLSPORTS



### Team Practices

The start of the 2021-22 athletic season is here!

The high school sports season began on Monday, August 16, and the junior high season began on Monday, August 23.

Fall sports teams include cheerleading, cross country, field hockey, football, golf, soccer, tennis and volleyball. For the full schedule of games for all teams, visit [www.svathletics.org](http://www.svathletics.org).

If you are interested in purchasing a 2021-22 athletic season pass, visit the district website to download and complete the form.

**Go Panthers!**





## FALLSPORTS



### Gatorade Player of the Year!

Congratulations Class of 2021 graduate, **Ashlyn Giles**, for being named Gatorade Pennsylvania Girls Track & Field Player of the Year!

This program recognizes the nation's most elite high school athletes not only for their athletic excellence, but also for academic achievements and exemplary character.

Congratulations Ashlyn on your fantastic track and field career over the years at Schuylkill Valley, and on this astounding achievement!



## ALUMNISPOTLIGHT

**Jed Horning**, class of 2000, stepped out of his comfort zone to try something unique and is now a bodybuilding state champion. Jed's bodybuilding journey began when he was at the young age of 10 when he asked his parents for a plastic weight set, and his passion continued to grow while he attended Schuylkill Valley Middle School. He said that **Mr. Yoder**, health and physical education teacher, knew that he was interested in lifting weights, and that he gave the students a chance to learn how to lift weights correctly.

"Over the course of my SV career, Mr. Yoder challenged me to keep getting better and to learn more about all kinds of fitness competition avenues," says Horning.

The two have kept in touch for the last 21 years, and Jed comes back to SV to help the lifting club whenever he is given the opportunity.

At age 35, Jed decided to enter his first bodybuilding competition in Baltimore, Maryland. He came in second place, and then knew it was time to hire a coach to

take things to the next level. He hired coach Dave "Jumbo" Palumbo to help focus his progress, which ultimately led him to winning the Pennsylvania state championship in June 2021.

Jed traveled to Pittsburgh to compete in the International Federation of Bodybuilding and Fitness Pro Master National Championships on July 21-24, 2021. He got 3rd place in the Heavyweight Class which automatically qualifies him for National competitions through 2022 where he will continue his pursuit of pro status.

Jed says that he will not be competing again until 2022 and will continue to work on his craft. When asked what he is looking forward to the most after his competition in Pittsburgh, he says "I look forward to my son's soccer season... and a family vacation. I'd really like some cheesecake too."

Congratulations, Jed, on all your achievements and we look forward to seeing what you accomplish next!



### ALUMNI

If you know a former student who would like to receive emailed copies of the SV District newsletter, please send their email address to [dsabulsky@schuylkillvalley.org](mailto:dsabulsky@schuylkillvalley.org).

# FUTURE PLANS

**Janelis Acevedo**  
Military Service

**Allison L. Ammarell**  
Penn State Berks

**Addison Freya Angstadt**  
Lycoming College

**Wolf Arnold**  
Thaddeus Stevens  
College of Technology

**Parker Eugene Bachman**  
BCTC

**Olyvia Dawn Bainbridge**  
Millersville University

**Megan Elizabeth Beissel**  
College

**Maximo S. Beras-Goico, Jr.**  
Undecided

**Steel Talon Boyer**  
Westminster College

**Jacob M. Braucher**  
Pennsylvania College  
of Technology

**Luke M. Braucher**  
Penn State Berks

**Mandi Kathleen Brush**  
Not Reported

**Elizabeth Stella Brzostek**  
West Virginia University

**Mell Caba**  
Academy of Massage  
Therapy and Bodyworks

**Vladimir Caba**  
Liberty University

**Leonardo Cacho**  
Penn State Berks

**Natalia Cianna Catanzaro**  
Not Reported

**Elijah M. Cline**  
RACC

**Layton Gavin Crespo**  
Eastern University

**Luke W. Crowell**  
Undecided

**Lily Dang**  
Temple University

**Desia Y. Datil**  
College

**Tanner S. Davis**  
Workforce

**Owen R. Dentzer**  
Not Reported

**Dawson Allen Dissinger**  
Undecided

**Brice Robert Dornblaser**  
Drexel University

**Evan M. Edris**  
Penn State University

**John P. Emes**  
Workforce

**Kara Lin Faulk**  
University of Pittsburgh

**Kaitlyn M. Fell**  
RACC

**Allora Nereida Fernandez**  
Undecided

**Anthony Joseph Ferretti**  
Penn State University

**Kaitlyn Jean Fies**  
Reading Hospital School  
of Health Sciences

**Cloey Fleming**  
Grand Valley State

**Paige Lauren Forry**  
Gettysburg College

**Tyler Jordan Fronina**  
BCTC

**Zoe Marie Elizabeth Gannon**  
Penn State Schuylkill

**Carielle Sarah Geist**  
Reading Hospital School  
of Health Sciences

**Aidan L. Gensure**  
University of Delaware

**Ashlyn Marie Giles**  
University of  
Nebraska-Lincoln

**Sandra Michelle Goho**  
Workforce

**Zachary D. Heffner**  
Wagner College

**Victoria Alejandra Heidecker**  
University of Oklahoma

**Dan Joseph Henne**  
College

**Michael Alexander Herman**  
DeSales University

**Natalia Hernandez**  
Workforce

**Isabella Aynn Hoeltzel**  
York College of  
Pennsylvania

**Timothy D. Horrell**  
University of Pittsburgh

**Aubree Jane Hoster**  
Workforce

**Madison Elizabeth Houck**  
Alvernia University

**Julia Faith Hudson**  
Not Reported

**Luis E. Humes**  
Undecided

**Clayton Glenn Hummel**  
Workforce

**Ceaira L. Hunsicker**  
Not Reported

**Ella Marie Jenkins**  
College

**Vanessa J. Jones**  
Temple University

**Tyrus Hummel Kauffman**  
Kutztown University

**Gabriel R. Kichline**  
Indiana University  
of Pennsylvania

**Kaitlyn Marie Kline**  
Workforce

**Daniel Edward Koch**  
Not Reported

**Hannah Rae Kolasa**  
Slippery Rock University

**Abigail Faith Kunkle**  
Kutztown University

**Jacob J. Kunkleman**  
Workforce

**Macie Kupetz**  
Beauty School

**Heather Nicole LaFaver**  
Lehigh Carbon  
Community College

**Elsie J. Lebron**  
Ramp School of Ministry

**Samantha C. Lisa**  
Reading Hospital School  
of Health Sciences

**Ryan E. Livinghouse**  
Kutztown University

**Ty Alexander Loftus**  
Indiana University  
of Pennsylvania

**Joseph J. Loose**  
Albright College

**Kimberlee N. Lopez**  
Kutztown University

**Reinhold M. Louis**  
Lebanon Valley College

**Thomas W. Lukawski**  
Pennsylvania College of  
Technology

**Kayla R. Madden**  
RACC

**Georgia Emily Manwiller**  
Reading Hospital School of  
Health Sciences

**Callan Thomas Martzall**  
College

**Jadiel Mateo**  
Workforce

**Caleb Aaron Miller**  
Penn State Berks

**Michael Mish**  
Northampton Community  
College

**Maylani Iris Montalvo**  
RACC

**Ridge A. Moser**  
Kutztown University

**Tanner Alexander Mountz**  
West Virginia University

**Harlee D. Neuin**  
Kutztown University

**Cassidy Anne Noll**  
Bay Path University

**Austin James Norton**  
Workforce

**Reese A. Nowotarski**  
Workforce

**Cheyenne M. Palamar**  
Workforce

**Keara L. Patrick**  
BTI

**Jillian Kate Phillips**  
Penn State Schuylkill

**Alyssa Brooke Potts**  
Kutztown University

**Juancarlos Ramos-Collazo**  
Undecided

**Kyle Xavier Rautzhan**  
Kutztown University

**Allen D. Reitnouer**  
Workforce

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# RETIREMENT

**Eileen Coulehan**

First Grade Teacher, 29.13 years

**Carol Dunlap**

Middle School Special Education Teacher, 25.87 years

**Donna Fuerst**

Middle School Special Education Paraprofessional, 12.97 years

**Katie Heffner**

High School English Teacher, 35.12 years

**Missy Kelchner**

High School Assistant Principal, 23 years

**Charles Mohn**

Middle School Technology Education Teacher, 28.58 years

**George Riegel**

High School Custodian, 19.85 years

**Jo Wert**

High School Special Education Paraprofessional, 17.03

**Phil Yoder**

High School Health and Physical Education Teacher, 33.25 years

Our best wishes to the following faculty  
and staff, who retired this year. Thank  
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Valley School District. For everything you  
have given, we are truly grateful.