

Board President's Report - Focus on Franklin
February 26, 2015

Franklin High School

2015 Competition for National Merit Scholarships

We are pleased to announce that Sheryl Dalal, Benjamin Hsueh and Kyle Huang have been named Finalists in the 2015 National Merit Scholarship Program.

In April 2014, the 50,000 highest PSAT scorers were offered an opportunity to continue in the competition. Of this select group of students, 16,000 were designated semi-finalists on a state representational basis. Additional requirements were then met within this group for Finalist standing and will be considered for National Merit Scholarships to be offered later this year. It is anticipated that scholarship offers will be made to approximately 8,000 students nationwide.

JV Academic League Team Champions

Franklin High School JV Academic League Team won First Place in the Somerset County Academic League Competition Finals. The students achieving this were Akshay Janakiraman, Neal Dalal, Melissa Tu, Renuka Venkatesh, Kelvin Qian and Sokaina Williams

These students came in on Tuesdays after school and practiced "mock" competitions in a variety of subjects. This allowed them to strategically determine each other's strength and weaknesses. As their advisor, Ms. Sherri Smith-Richardson stated, "These students represented the Franklin Family with dignity, confidence and respect without lauding their success over their competitors. As "Champions" should conduct themselves. They are definitely "Champions!"

Distributive Education Club of America

Franklin High School's Distributive Education Club of America (DECA) had a student place 4th in a recent state competition. Tom Kowalsky competed in the Entrepreneurship Innovative plan competition.

Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC)

Franklin High School's Junior ROTC unit has been named an "Honor Unit with Distinction" during the 2014-2015 school year. The Department of the Army presents this award to the JROTC units that maintain an exceptionally high standard of performance.

SAT Score of 2400

Franklin High School Junior Kelvin Qian had a perfect score of 2400 on the SAT.

Assistant Coach of the Year

Mr. Chris McEvoy from Franklin High School was selected as the District 18 Wrestling "Assistant Coach of the Year".

Lady Warriors Basketball

The Franklin Womens Basketball team captured the Skyland Conference Championship by defeating Rutgers Prep on Feb 14th. The 17-3 Lady Warriors will play this Saturday, Feb. 28th, at home for the Somerset County Championship. Game time is 1:00 PM. The Lady Warriors will again face Rutgers Prep in the finals. On Monday, March 2nd, they will begin their quest for a state championship at home when they host Edison High School. Game time is 6:00 PM. The Lady Warriors are the #1 seed in North Section 2 of the Group 4 state tournament.

Franklin Middle School

More Basketball News

The Franklin Middle School Girls Basketball team was the Central Jersey Middle School Basketball League 2014-2015 Champions (Girls Division).

The Franklin Middle School Boys Basketball team was a runner up in the Central Jersey Middle School Basketball League 2014-2015 (Boys Division).

Hillcrest School

The Hillcrest School Community has partnered with the Franklin Food Bank Change for Hunger Drive. Their first initiative was inclusive of a school wide basket auction and bagel sales. Through the generosity of their teachers and staff they have raised \$390.00 to date. This effort will continue with various efforts throughout the month of March and the money donated will be given to the Franklin Food Bank to support our Franklin Township Community.