Students, staff members, and former students recognized at Glen Mills Schools Educational Awards Ceremony

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The proud students of the Glen Mills Schools Class of 2017 were recognized at the Educational Awards Ceremony on June 22nd in front of an approving audience consisting of the student body, members of the Board of Managers, special guests, proud family members, and others. Additionally, several outstanding staff members were honored while new members of the Bulls For Life Club Wall of Fame were introduced. (See Page 11).

Jim Chobany, the Director of Education at the Glen Mills Schools, was excited to recognize the Class of 2017.

“Glen Mills Class of 2017 Valedictorian Semaj Robinson congratulated his classmates and wished them well in the future as they pursue their dreams. He also thanked the school for its unwavering support. “Glen Mills presented me with many opportunities, including leadership opportunities, and I appreciate that,” Robinson said. “I’ve learned so much here at Glen Mills and am now ready to tackle new challenges.”

Robinson, who was the President of the Bulls Club, will continue his education this fall at East Stroudsburg University. Students were recognized in a wide variety of areas, including their academic and Career and Technical Education classrooms. Meanwhile, outstanding staff members Jack Scargall, Joe Nolfi, Rich Blue, Frank DeMedio, Liam Power, Adam Wenger, and Deshantelle Rogers were also honored for their contributions to student achievement at the Glen Mills Schools and received various Teacher of the Year awards (See Page 7).

Additionally, members of the Bulls For Life Club, a unique alumni group consisting of successful former Glen Mills students, were in attendance to support the Class of 2017. Dr. Randy Ireson, the Executive Director of the Glen Mills Schools, closed the ceremony by congratulating the award recipients as they move on to their next challenge.

Some members of the Class of 2017 were on hand to take a group photo during the annual Golf Course at Glen Mills Student Scholarship Invitational and thank the sponsors. Through their tremendous generosity, over $155,000 was raised in support of student scholarship.

Congratulations and Good Luck to the Class of 2017 as you move on to tackle new challenges!
Semaj Robinson earns Valedictorian honors

Semaj Robinson, an all-around outstanding student at the Glen Mills Schools, is the Valedictorian of the Glen Mills Schools Class of 2017.

“He has truly benefitted from the educational challenges he has faced while at the Glen Mills Schools,” Jim Chobany, the Director of Education at the Glen Mills Schools, said at the recent Educational Awards Ceremony. As well as the academic challenges Robinson faced, he also accepted the challenge and responsibility of being a campus executive.

“Being the President of the Bulls Club was an honor and a privilege,” Robinson said. “Glen Mills has given me a lot of opportunity and serving in a student leadership role was a way of saying thank you.” Robinson has some great advice for the Class of 2018.

“Learn from your mistakes and take on new challenges,” Robinson said. “Take advantage of this second chance and take what you learn here to the rest of your life.”

From left to right, special award winners on the volleyball team: Alron Patterson (Most Coachable), Khelon Kirkland (MVP), Zaire Johnson (Most Improved), and Wanyu Smith (Mr. Hustle).

From left to right, special award winners on the tennis team: Matthew Salisbury (MVP), Javier Jones (Most Dedicated), Rey Lopez-Vera (Best Doubles), and Dronuat Williams (Best Doubles). Not Pictured: Eric Spinks (Most Improved).

From left to right, special award winners on the volleyball team, from left to right: Aaron Coleman, Quadir Gibson, Bruce Ashby, D’Amonte Bell, and Andre Colon.

From left to right, special award winners on the junior varsity baseball team: Kylee Smith (Most Coachable), Christopher Buggs (Most Improved), assistant coach Mike Rower (MVP), he beat cancer!, and Marquis Tucker (Offensive Player).

From left to right, special award winners on the powerlifting team that won the national championship: Santur Martinez accepts Congratulations from Executive Director Dr. Randy Ireson for earning the Spring Student/Athlete Award.

From left to right, special award winners on the track team: Justin Grey (Most Improved), Quadir Gibson (Outstanding Thrower), Semaj Robinson (Coach Tank Award), Keon Rantin (MVP), D’Amonte Bell (Outstanding Thrower), and Dvarri McLaurin (Coaches Award).

From left to right, special award winners on the roller hockey team: Michael Webber (Most Improved), Juden Lehman-Lewis (Best Offensiveman), Aaron Taylor (MVP), and Jedidiah Hawkins (Best Defensiveman).
Glen Mills golf, tennis, and baseball teams receive Del Val League Sportsmanship awards

Additionally, Glen Mills student/athlete Semaj Robinson earns Agnes Mag Patterson Award.

For their outstanding demonstration of sportsmanship on the field of play, three Glen Mills teams received Del Val League Sportsmanship awards on May 31st at the Del Val Athletic Association Sportsmanship Luncheon at Barnaby’s Restaurant. Additionally, Glen Mills student/athlete Semaj Robinson earned the school’s individual award.

“Across the board, sportsmanship is very important to us as Glen Mills coaches and we want our student/athletes to reflect that,” Glen Mills tennis coach Duane Plank said. “We are glad that three of our teams were recognized by our league peers as that says a lot about our student/athletes.”

Rantin earns state bronze

Keon Rantin highlighted the Glen Mills effort at the PIAA Track and Field State Championships at Shippensburg University’s Seth Grove Stadium over Memorial Day weekend.

Rantin earned state bronze in the 200 meters with a 21.73 time. Meanwhile, Semaj Robinson came in 21st in the shot put with a 48-02 while teammate D’Amonde Bell posted a 46-09 ½ effort to place 23rd.

Coach Dixon, Coach Edwards represent GMS in Hero Bowl

All in the name of a great cause, assistant Glen Mills football coaches Paul Dixon (left in photo) and Roy-Al Edwards donated their time and coaching acumen as they helped coach area senior football players in the 41st Annual Delaware County Hero Bowl on June 1st at Cardinal O’Hara High School.

The game, which featured standout senior football players from Delaware County, is played to help provide scholarships to the children of Delaware County police and fire departments who have given their lives in the line of duty.

“Obviously, this is a great cause,” Dixon, the defensive coordinator for the Battling Bulls, said. “Roy Al and myself were happy to help in any way we could. It’s a great event.”

Robinson earns Scholar/Athlete Award

Semaj Robinson, who also earned Class of 2017 Valedictorian honors, received the Scholar/Athlete Award at the recent Educational Awards Ceremony.

Robinson was a standout on the football, powerlifting, and indoor and outdoor track teams. As a shot putter, Robinson earned a trip to the state meet. Robinson plans to continue his academic and athletic careers at East Stroudsburg University.
Gooden earns Concordville/Chadds Ford Rotary Vocational Scholarship

Talented Glen Mills Schools Career and Technical Education student Charzelle Gooden received the Concordville Chadds Ford Rotary Vocational Scholarship on June 22nd at the Educational Awards Ceremony.

Gooden has been an excellent student in optical program here at Glen Mills at the Glen Mills Schools and will be able to use the scholarship to help fund further training in the field. Good luck!

*Information is deemed accurate as of press time.

“Education - Making Every Day Count”

Thank you for supporting our students!
Scholarship golf outing provides educational opportunity

With the generosity of title sponsors KMRD Partners, CHEMED Corporation, Pine Street Carpenters, and other sponsors, the 15th Annual Golf Course at Glen Mills Student Scholarship Invitational raised over $155,000 earmarked for sponsors KMRD Partners, educational dreams.

Golf Course at Glen Mills. Sponsors, other benefactors were generous with their donations as well and see the value in investing in Glen Mills students.

At Morgan Stanley, we are very much into identifying programs, foundations, and schools who benefit children and we really wanted to get involved with the Glen Mills Schools," Brian Cullinan, a Client Service Associate working with my son Christopher, a wealth manager, we identify programs who provide
great benefit to young people and we go from there.”

Golf Course at Glen Mills General Manager Paul Stuhlmiller recognizes the uphill struggle that many of our students face as they tackle challenges in life, often times without a built in support system besides the one here at Glen Mills. “Thank you very much for being here today and thanks for caring about our kids- because not a lot of people do.”

Stuhlmiller shared with the sponsors at the post round awards dinner.

The golf that was played was often times fantastic but Semaj Robinson, the Valuedonor of the Glen Mills Class of 2017, his classmates, and former Glen Mills students stole the show as they introduced themselves to the audience. Students in the Class of 2017 shared where they are planning to further their education and the previous Glen Mills graduates shared some of their successes.

“Thank you for your generosity as we pursue higher education,” Robinson said.

Linda Amoroso, the widow of recently passed John Amoroso, introduced a new scholarship that will assist Glen Mills students. Mr. Amoroso worked at the Golf Course at Glen Mills and shared much of his knowledge and kindness with the students. Louis Balderas is the initial recipient of the scholarship. Balderas completed the turf management training at the Glen Mills Schools and is currently doing an internship at the world renowned Merion Golf Club. He will then matriculate to Penn State to study in their turf management program.

Former professional basketball player and current real estate company owner Terquin Mott, 1SEO founder and CEO of Lance Bachmann, Lincoln University student Marcus Neill, and distinguished veteran and former government employee Tyrone Nunneley shared some of their successes after leaving Glen Mills with the audience. Nunneley is an alumnus from 1953 and held top-secret government clearance until the age of 76. He also worked for the FBI.

“Wow,” Nunneley, who has not been back to Glen Mills since 1953, said about what he sees now at the school. “This is incredible to see young men have this opportunity.”

Mark Garrity from M&T Bank also enjoyed the chance to help Glen Mills students. "It’s great to see young men take advantage of the opportunities here,” Garrity said.

Stuhlmiller summed it up best.

“You’re seeing past, current, and future success,” Stuhlmiller told the audience. “And that’s what this day is all about.”

Gooden earns Career and Technical Education Achievement Award

Van Buren Hall student Charzelle Gooden received the Career and Technical Education Achievement Award at the recent Educational Awards Ceremony.

As a direct result of his hard work and consistent effort in the Optical Lab, Gooden has earned a Level 400 Certificate in the program and is equipped to continue his education in the field or gain employment in the industry.

“Charzelle is a very talented young man,” Glen Mills Optical Lab instructor James Saul said. “He has absorbed a lot of instruction and is ready to move onto new optical challenges.”

Henry earns ACT Achievement Award

By posting a solid composite score of 19 on the exam, Glen Mills Class of 2017 member Jaylan Henry earned the ACT Achievement Award. Well done!

“Education – Making Every Day Count”
Robinson, Martinez earn Timothy McNeal Scholarships

Glen Mills Schools Class of 2017 Valedictorian Semaj Santos Martinez will use the Timothy McNeal Scholarship as they continue their academic careers.

Robinson will attend East Stroudsburg University while Santos is headed for Glendale Community College.

The scholarship is named after Timothy McNeal, son of Glen Mills staff members Don and Mary McNeal.

*Information is deemed accurate as of press time.

Balderas garners John Amoroso Scholarship

Louis Balderas, a fine all-around student here at the Glen Mills Schools, is the initial recipient of the newly-created John Amoroso Scholarship.

Mr. Amoroso was generous with his time and shared his wisdom and guidance to many Glen Mills students while he worked at the Golf Course at Glen Mills. After his recent passing, his wife Linda created the scholarship.

Balderas, who is doing an internship at Merion, will use the scholarship as he continues his turf management studies at Penn State University.

Lee, Williams, Gilchrest, Lucky, and Casillas inducted into Bulls For Life Wall of Fame

“Dr. Bob,” a board certified plastic surgeon practicing in Austin, Texas, was a recent special guest speaker as part of the Glen Mills Schools Character and Leadership Development Program. Addressing a large group of students, the Philadelphia area native encouraged students to “hit the sweet spot,” just like the ones on a tennis racquet or on a golf club.

Dr. Bob, who was joined by his brother and his proud daughter and her son, has been issued 34 patents, written 12 books on plastic surgery, and started nine companies.

“Find your passion and then hit the sweet spot,” Dr. Bob encouraged.

He found his sweet spot in life after being an admitted troublemaker and spending 14 months away from home at a juvenile facility.

“Who used the sweet spot?” I asked.

“I was proud to do it,” he said.

Students to take advantage of Glen Mills Scholarship

The Glen Mills School Scholarship was established in 1981 and has provided college scholarships to qualifying graduating seniors, which to date numbers well over 1,000 students.

Through the sacrifice and dedication of the staff members at the Glen Mills Schools, this scholarship assists the students in paying for tuition, room, board, and books, giving them the opportunity to achieve the dream of a higher education.

Many of the previous recipients of the Glen Mills Scholarship have gone on to graduate from college. Some have even returned to work as counselor/teachers at the school.

Trends in Education from West Chester University

Gary Gilchrest- earned Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice and Master’s Degree in Instructional Technologies from Bloomsburg University. Developed training for the Navy’s Top Gun School and worked in IT in Washington, D.C., where he managed the implementation of touch screen voting in several states. Currently Director Manager of the Department of Corrections and a player mentor to the Bloomsburg University football team.

Antong Lucky- became Program Director of Vision Regeneration, has been recognized for his work in the community through a variety of awards, serves on several boards, and is CEO and co-founder of WMRM. He is also a bail bondsman.

Alexander Casillas- captain of national champion powerlifting team at Glen Mills and graduated from West Chester University with a degree in Elementary Education. Was a valuable and beloved Glen Mills staff member before his passing.

Go Bulls!
Students earn Commonwealth Secondary School Diploma, recognized at ceremony

Glen Mills students who earned a Commonwealth Secondary School Diploma were recognized at the recent Educational Awards Ceremony. Congratulations and good luck as you move onto new academic challenges!

Tawfeeq Abdul-Lateef
Walter Acosta
Maurice Banks
Daquan Bell
Edward Bishop
Christopher Buggs
Kevin Cage
Isaiah Carrejo
Rayquan Hadley
Anthony Jones
Tawfeeq Abdul-Lateef
Walter Acosta
Maurice Banks
Daquan Bell
Edward Bishop
Christopher Buggs
Kevin Cage
Isaiah Carrejo
Rayquan Hadley
Anthony Jones

The following students were recently recognized for earning Secondary Education Awards:

Brandon Batista
Kamal Bennett
Jacob Bermudez
Christopher Buggs
Jeffrey Bustamante
Kevin Cage
Deandre Carter
Earl Davis
Lamar Dukes
Corde Fitzhugh
Massi Fletcher
Quadir Gibson
Theretius Greenberry
Prince Greene
Felheim Griggs
Rayquan Hadley
Muhammad House
Zaire Johnson
Tucker Johnston

Theretius Greenberry
Brandon Smith
Ramon Smith
Joshua Strickland
Rafiq Sumpter
Rod Tate
Randle Thomas
Santos Martinez
Luke O’Donnell
Irwing Perez
Juan Ponce
Brendon Quinn
Nizayis Roberts
Semaj Robinson
D’Andre Rolon
Matthew Salisbury
Reuben Savilai

Glen Mills students receive Secondary Education Awards

Scargall, Locke, Nolfi, Wenger, Blue, DeMedio, Power, and Rogers earn Teacher of the Year awards

For their outstanding service to the students of the Glen Mills Schools, Jack Scargall, Adam Locke, Joe Nolfi, Adam Wenger, Rich Blue, Frank DeMedio, Liam Power, and Dechantelle Rogers were recognized at the Educational Awards Ceremony for earning various Teacher of the Year awards.

Scargall is the Program Teacher of the Year. Beginning his career at the school in 1982, this skilled teacher works hard to maintain and beautify our campus. He also serves the school by being on the safety committee and has been a statistician for the basketball team for the past ten seasons.

Adam Locke is the A.M. Teacher of the Year. This West Chester University graduate earned a degree in Criminal Justice and is responsible for academic instruction in all subjects.

LaSalle University graduate Nolfi, meanwhile, is the P.M. Teacher of the Year. As a worthy role model, Nolfi is a junior varsity baseball coach and is a Project Help tutor.

Wenger is the Career and Technical Education Teacher of the Year. After graduating from Penn State with a degree in Professional Golf Management in 2008, he developed our Golf Course Management curriculum.

Blue, a Cheyney University graduate, is the Alternative Education Teacher of the Year. Blue has a degree in Therapeutic Recreation and was a teacher in Polk Hall before joining the Alternate Education team. Here at Glen Mills, he has coached the volleyball team for 16 years.

Dechantelle Rogers is the Community Management Services Teacher of the Year. A Virginia State University graduate with a degree in Business Management, she assists discharged students in building resumes and helps them continue to move their lives in a positive direction.

When not at work at Glen Mills, she gives her time and passion to several non-profit organizations.

Congratulations!

Patterson receives Johnny Releford Omega Boys Club Scholarship

Glen Mills graduate Alton Patterson earned the Johnny Releford Omega Boys Club Scholarship and was recognized at the recent Educational Awards Ceremony.

After graduating from Glen Mills in 1982, this skilled student in Criminal Justice began his career at Glen Mills in July of 2003 as a counselor/teacher in Polk Hall before joining the Alternate Education team. Here at Glen Mills, he has coached the basketball team for the past ten seasons.

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Congratulations!

Burnside, McNeill, Leggett, Vargas, and Preno receive R.I. Richardson Foundation Scholarships

“The R.I. Richardson Foundation has been dedicated to providing educational and workforce development opportunities to disadvantaged young men for the past 55 years," Jim Chobany, the Director of Education at the Glen Mills Schools, said at the recent Educational Awards Ceremony. “The Foundation’s Scholarship Program provides assistance to young men who display leadership skills, a commitment to community service, and a desire to go to college or gain technical training."
Goldsmith, Pierce, Rantin, Winans, and Wood receive MKM Scholarships

Conrad Goldsmith (Community College of Philadelphia), Jmarr Pierce (Community College of Philadelphia), Keon Rantin (University of Maryland, Eastern Shore), Jhamir Winans (Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology), and Oliver Wood (Community College of Philadelphia) will use the MKM Scholarship as they continue their academic careers.

Henry garners Alex Casillas Memorial Scholarship

Glen Mills Schools Class of 2017 member Jaylan Henry received the Alex Casillas Memorial Scholarship at the recent Educational Awards Ceremony. Henry will use the scholarship funding to continue his academic study at Wilkes College.

Casillas was an outstanding Glen Mills Schools student who graduated from West Chester University with a degree in Elementary Education. Upon graduation, he returned to Glen Mills and was a beloved and dedicated staff member until his untimely passing in 2001. He was just inducted into the Bulls For Life Wall of Fame at Glen Mills.

Martinez claims James M. Hunke Memorial Scholarship

Santos Martinez, who plans to enter his freshman year at Glendale Community College in the fall, received the James M. Hunke Memorial Scholarship at the Educational Awards Ceremony on June 22nd. Martinez is an all-around student here at the school and served Glen Mills as a campus executive.

Concordville/Chadds Ford Rotary Strive Scholarship goes to Robinson

Glen Mills Class of 2017 Valedictorian Semaj Robinson received the Concordville/Chadds Ford Rotary Club’s Strive Scholarship at the recent Educational Awards Ceremony.

As Valedictorian, Robinson is a well-rounded student and served the school as a campus executive. He is looking forward to continuing his education at East Stroudsburg University. "I am thankful for the support of the school as I move forward in my life," Robinson said. "I’ve had many opportunities here at Glen Mills and I am proud that I’ve taken advantage of them."

“Education - Making Every Day Count”

Glen Mills Schools helps fight MS by hosting MuckFest

The event raised over $500,000 in the battle against Multiple Sclerosis.

“That was a blast,” Glen Mills staff member Tom Sharkey, covered in mud, said. “That was so much fun and the fact that it’s for a great cause makes it even better.”

Sharkey, the P.M. Senior Counselor in McKinley Hall, was just one of many Glen Mills staff members who participated in MuckFest MS Philadelphia on June 3rd and 4th. Sharkey and other Glen Mills staff members Jenn Hookey (team captain), Courtney Scheb, Dave Ford, Roy-Al Edwards, Sami Borkcy, and Jason Alcott were part of the “Muckin Delco” team. Ryan Benson, Michelle Alcott, and Aaron West were also on the squad. Other Glen Mills staff members who participated in MuckFest MS included Wayne Ripper, Travis Rechel, and Mike Calio. Oh, and they were joined by approximately 5,500 other muckers who took on the challenging 5K course on the grounds of the Glen Mills Schools. Navigating their way through the muddy mess and challenging oversized obstacles, participants raised over $500,000 to fight multiple sclerosis.

“Everyone had a blast,” Hookey said. MuckFest officials were happy to have their Philadelphia area event at Glen Mills for the second straight year. “We’re proud to work with Glen Mills Schools,” Slade Thompson, Account Director from MuckFest MS, said. “The beautiful grounds allow us to build a great 5K obstacle course for our participants. Your community has welcomed us with open arms and we greatly appreciate all that your staff and team does to make our event a success. Thank you for your partnership!”

According to MuckFest MS officials, TOP FOUR FACTS ABOUT MS:

*MS is an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system that disrupts the flow of information within the brain, and between the brain and body.

*Most people with MS are diagnosed with the disease between the ages of 20 and 50, with at least two to three times more women than men being diagnosed with the disease. MS affects over 2.5 million people worldwide.

*Last year, the Society invested $42 million to support more than 380 new and ongoing research projects around the world.

*Thanks to a determined commitment of researchers around the world and dedicated public support, there are now FDA-approved disease modifying treatment options for relapsing MS, the most common form of the disease, as well as an International Progressive MS Alliance established to speed therapies for this still untreatable form of the disease.

“Always a good community partner, the Glen Mills Schools hosted the Philadelphia area MuckFest MS event and many staff members from the school took part in the fundraising effort.

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