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Hello SCASD Family,

This 2020-2021 TSA competitive season has been like no other in the twenty-plus years that I have served as a TSA advisor. Kudos to these young individuals who were able to manage their time and be flexible enough to advance through several levels of competition in this virtual setting. Please let me share with you the progression of this 2020-2021 competitive season.

We started the school year with thirty-two PFMS TSA Members. In Jan/Feb, we entered into our Region 8 TSA Competition with 23 well prepared students in many competitive STEM events. As a result of their efforts at the Regional event, 15 students advanced to the 43rd Annual Pennsylvania Technology Student Association Virtual Competition in April. By the end of the Virtual TSA Competition, PFMS TSA was crowned with **9 STATE CHAMPIONS**, 4 Runner-ups, two 3rd place finishers, and 10 additional Top 10 Finalist performances.

This Virtual TSA States Competition scenario was new for all, but provided some normalcy for these students while working through this Covid-19 pandemic. The opportunities afforded to these individuals were second to none. The dedication, motivation, persistence and flexibility demonstrated by these students has been remarkable.

As a result of their success at the State Competition, 8 of our PFMS TSA students (Wyatt Angeli, Manahil Sabeeh, Leo Wang, Natalie Branstetter, Margo Wyckoff, Sienna Sullivan, Isabelle McSweeney, Harper House) earned the honor of representing Pennsylvania at the National TSA Virtual Conference, June 1-June 25, 2021. Many of the National events had preliminary submissions by May 14 and Semi-Finalists were announced in early June. Many of our PFMS TSA members had follow up interviews, video submissions, and live competitions during the month of June 1-25!

From June 23-25, the 43rd National TSA Conference and Competition General Sessions were held in the Virtual Format. Each day of the conference, Finalists and Top 3 Place Winners were announced virtually during these general sessions along with other leadership development opportunities for the students and advisors.

At the conclusion of the 2021 National TSA Conference, our PFMS TSA students were crowned **NATIONAL CHAMPIONS** in three events, Runner-up in one event, and Top 10 Finalists in five other events.



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2021 National Technology Student Association (TSA) 43rd Annual Leadership Conference and Competitions

Park Forest Middle School TSA Chapter Results:

National TSA Champion - 1st Place - Mass Production:

Natalie Branstetter

National TSA Champion - 1st Place - Medical Technology:

Team of Harper House and Isabelle McSweeney

National TSA Champion - 1st Place - Leadership Strategies:

Team of Sienna Sullivan, Isabelle McSweeney, and Harper House

National TSA Runner-up - 2nd Place - Community Service Video:

Team of Margo Wyckoff, Isabelle McSweeney, Harper House, and Sienna Sullivan

Additional National TSA Top 10 Finalists -

Digital Photography: *Margo Wyckoff*

Prepared Presentation: *Isabelle McSweeney*

Prepared Presentation: *Margo Wyckoff*

Medical Technology: *Team of Margo Wyckoff and Sienna Sullivan*

Inventions and Innovations: *Team of Sienna Sullivan, Margo Wyckoff, and Harper House*

Sincerely Proud,

Tim Dzurko, PFMS TSA Advisor