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## **April 2019**

This newsletter is brought to you by the PTSA Academic Boosters. All current and previous newsletters can be found on the [Academic Boosters](#) website.

### **Next PTSA - Academic Boosters Meeting:**

April 4, 8:30 a.m.

Yorker Room

Amy Thompson is our featured guest.

Topics: senior class profile, college trends, etc.

Please park in the bus lanes.

All parents are welcome.

## **YORK ACADEMIC UPDATES**

### **Mock Trial Team**

**3/14/2019** York's Mock Trial Team won at State this weekend in Springfield! York won the title after a tough completion Sunday evening against Glenbard East High School. In addition to the team award, York also received six individual awards: Lexi Lukose was the only student in the state to score a perfect score on the exam. Katy Clugg, Lexi Lukos and Andrea Gurau received recognition for Best Attorney. Katy Clugg and Anthony Aguilar received Best Witness. Maya Iyer, Sarah Martich, Ava Gehrke, Vanessa Bardoshi and Elinor Kness all played key roles in the team's success. Congratulations to all these amazing students and their coaches, Amy Mueller and Elizabeth Birchler. What an end to the 2018-19 Fall/Winter Season for the DUKES! (from the York PTSA Academic Boosters Facebook Page)

### **Model UN**

**3/2/2019** York Model United Nations continued its 2018-19 season with another successful conference at Lyons Township last Saturday. Nick Pomatto received Outstanding Delegate honors, while Mollie Grasse, Alex Norgle and Ethan Thomas earned Honorable Mention recognition. The York delegation of 20 students also collectively received the honor of Best Small Delegation. Keep it rolling York Model UN! (from the York Announcements)

### **Scholastic Bowl**

**3/7/2019** York's Varsity Scholastic Bowl Team ended its winning season at the Regional IHSA Championship, demonstrating the manifold strengths that have made this such a successful season. Under the leadership of Captains Dylan Mahoney and Alex Boskov, the team staged a second round comeback against Catholic League Powerhouse Fenwick. The Dukes trailed by over 100 points early, and their cool heads prevailed. The SchoBowlers finished off the Friars by 90 points. The second round turned into a "cross-town classic" with York paired against former state champions Timothy Christian. The match went back and forth and in the very last questions, Timothy pulled ahead. The final score was 460-430. Supporting the Varsity Dukes were Juniors Joey Alvestad, Aaron Ludkowski and Andrew Trenta. Sophomore standouts Rhian Fazzini, Aaron Taub and Adrian Zhuang, along with Freshman sensation Brennan Zehner provided key backup. (from the York PTSA Academic Boosters Facebook Page)

### **Student of the Month**

Congratulations to our Students of the Month!

#### **March 2019**

<b>English:</b>	Isabelle Mitchell
<b>ELL:</b>	Nelson Fabian Ramos
<b>Science:</b>	Kelly Martich
<b>York Student Services:</b>	Paul Rosland III
<b>Social Studies:</b>	Copper Stone
<b>York Athletics:</b>	Madilyn Maucieri
<b>Mathematics:</b>	Lance Dudley
<b>Business &amp; Technology:</b>	Matthew Fehlberg
<b>Industrial Technology:</b>	Joseph Orrico
<b>Visual Art:</b>	Shayari Liyanapatabendi
<b>PE/Health:</b>	Grace Wright
<b>Family &amp; Consumer Sciences:</b>	Chelsea Roman
<b>Performing Arts:</b>	Dylan Mahoney
<b>World Language:</b>	Sara Krissinger
<b>York Activities:</b>	Marie Grasse

### **World Language Honor Society**

**2/24/2019** Congratulations to the newly inducted and reaffirmed members of the Four World Language Honor Societies of York High School: Chinese, French, Italian and Spanish. Click [here](#) to see the list of 2019 members. (from the York PTSA Academic Boosters Facebook Page)

## EXTRAMURAL ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

PTSA Academic Boosters is pleased to recognize academically-oriented successes of York students wherever they are:

### Adventure Back Packs

**03/28/2018** York High School sophomore Jake Downey is a member of Boy Scout Troup #82. He initiated a community partnership with our Elmhurst Public Library to create “Adventure Backpacks” for checkout as Jake’s Eagle Scout Project. These backpacks may inspire you to listen more closely to songbirds, gaze through a magnifying glass at rocks and minerals or even identify animal tracks. Discovering and exploring the outdoors with friends or family is a hands-on sensory experience that appeals to all ages. The rank of Eagle Scout is reached by only four percent of Boy Scouts. For more information, click [here](#). (from the Elmhurst Independent Newspaper)

### One Earth Young Filmmakers Contest Winner

**02/28/2018** York High School sophomore Kendall Dirks won honorable mention in the One Earth Young Filmmakers Contest. The challenge was to create a film related to one of six sustainability topics: energy, food, transportation, waste, water, or open space/ecosystems. His film “Estelle’s Story” is where he interviewed Estelle Carol of the Deep Roots Project about why she started growing edible gardens. For more information, click [here](#). (from the Elmhurst Independent Newspaper)

## WHAT TO DO: APRIL

- Take the York-administered College Test as follows on **Tuesday, April 9, 2019**:
  - Freshman: PSAT-9
  - Sophomores: PSAT-10 plus start planning college tests for next year.
  - Juniors: **Mandatory** SAT test
  - Seniors: Day off! Use this free day to do a college visit, study, career cruise, etc.

The “[Making the Most of York](#)” parent guide on the Academic Boosters website has a Testing chapter. The SAT evaluates a student’s potential knowledge and ability to process information, etc. The best strategy is to get a good night’s sleep.

- Register for SAT Subject Tests if appropriate. These tests are required only by selective colleges. You might decide to take a particular test while the material is fresh in your mind (e.g. Take the Biology Subject Test after completing Biology Honors).
- **Juniors:** Determine who you will ask to write college letters of recommendation. The CCRC has forms for students and parents to use for this purpose. Giving 2-3 weeks lead time is courteous and appropriate.
- Note that Final exams represent 20 percent of your grade. Students can gain the most benefit by studying a little at a time for the next six or so weeks until finals. Good luck!

Thinking about college? [York’s College & Career Counseling Center](#) (CCRC) and PTSA Academic Boosters’ [web pages](#) have resources for you.

## RESOURCES

### Common Application

Here is a Washington Post article that speaks the truth in the college application process. The takeaway? Find a good fit for you (your student). Look at admission percentages with a grain of salt. Click [here](#) for more information. (York PTSA Academic Boosters)

### Tutoring

York Tutoring Center provides a dedicated space for students that need help with homework, learning new skills, or reinforcing concepts already learned. Students can be paired with a Peer Tutor or a Teacher based on the student's individual needs free of charge. Click [here](#) for more information.

### College Rankings, Best Colleges by Salary Potential

Check out this resource – use the Bachelors, Associates and Majors drop down menus to explore median pay by schools, majors or by job happiness. Also, check out the slide show to look at Best Schools by Majors <https://www.payscale.com/college-salary-report>

### York PTSA Academic Boosters Mission

The York PTSA Academic Boosters committee was formed to fulfill one of many elements of the PTSA mission -- to advocate for and support activities that encourage a robust academic environment at York. One way the committee does this is by spotlighting those York clubs and PTSA events/activities which are academically-oriented.

In addition, by developing parent guidebooks, online tools, and organizing monthly PTSA-AB presentations by York faculty and administration, PTSA-AB offers all parents a terrific way to learn about the amazing environment at York, and how to navigate and balance the many academically rich opportunities for their child.

<https://york.elmhurst205.org/parentstudent-resources/academic-boosters-ptsa>

- **Like us on Facebook:** visit our page “York PTSA Academic Boosters” and click the ‘like’ button.
- Visit our website at: <https://york.elmhurst205.org/parentstudent-resources/academic-boosters-ptsa> to find more information about our organization and support for your student during their years at York.
- Our main publication is the “[Making the Most of York](#)” guidebook which was written by York parents for York parents.

Note: If you have an academically-oriented club or team, and have news to share, you can post on our [York PTSA Academic Boosters Face book Page](#)! Share your proud moments and encourage others to get involved. Page posts are monitored for appropriateness.

**Go Dukes!**