Dear Parents and Families,

Thank you for your continued support and being mindful of all COVID-19 mitigation efforts. Please continue to encourage your children to wear masks appropriately, social distance and wash their hands often.

Please enjoy the YouTube link below which reflects our sincere gratitude for your continued understanding, teamwork and commitment to education in the Twin Valley School District!

https://youtu.be/NkDNp4ATCso (click skip ad!)

Happy Holidays!

Dr. Robert F. Pleis, Superintendent
On December 9th, the Twin Valley Rotary club was proud to honor Twin Valley High School seniors Malavika Nair and Steven Armstrong. The presentation was made at their weekly meeting. Malavika and Steven were honored for their participation in extracurricular activities and outstanding academic achievement. Malavika Nair is a well-rounded young woman who is talented in fields across the academic spectrum. She has always had a passion for STEM subjects, which is what led her to take on AP Chemistry as a sophomore after completing prerequisite learning independently. Through this, Malavika has garnered a vast amount of experience in lab work, scientific practices, and has increased her academic consciousness. She has applied these lessons to all six of the AP classes she has already taken - including Biology, Calculus, English Language, and Statistics - and will apply them to the four she has scheduled for the rest of her senior year - including Physics, English Literature, Political Science, and Computer Science. Malavika is also known for her commitment to courses in the Project Lead the Way (PLTW) department at Twin Valley. She has taken multiple of these courses and is currently a part of the PLTW Capstone Course, Engineering Design and Development. Through exposure to engineering practices in this manner, Malavika was recently elected the President of Twin Valley’s chapter of the Technology Student Association. As a result, she has been able to influence the lives of younger students with passions similar to her own. Malavika has been elected to a plethora of other officer positions throughout her high school career; currently, she serves as the Secretary of the Twin Valley Student Council, the Secretary of the National Honor Society, and is a member of the leadership council in Science Olympiad. Malavika has also helped to create a diversity inclusion group called Raider Ally in which productive dialogue is sparked between students of various backgrounds. Malavika has attended a multitude of conferences and workshops - such as the West Point Society of Philadelphia’s Conference on Leadership and Ethics, Leaders Involved in Networking Kids, and the Girls in Engineering Middle School Breakfast. Here, she has learned the importance of being both a leader and a follower; she hopes to carry these skills with her throughout her life. Through the influence of her teachers, family members, and close friends, Malavika has decided to further her education by studying to become a Biomedical Engineer. She looks forward to college and will continue to push herself in the coming years.

Steven Armstrong is a 17-year-old senior at Twin Valley High School. He is a member of several clubs including, Worldquest, Stage Crew, and National Honor Society. He has also participated in Cross Country every year in high school, where in his sophomore year; he won the Most Improved award at the sports banquet. He is also an active member of the music program at Twin Valley, where he is a member of the Concert Band, Jazz Band, and was a section leader in the Marching Band. One of his favorite memories from the band is playing in the stands during Friday night football games. Steven has been a person associated all over the school with the Broadcast Journalism class offered at the High School, a class that he has taken part in every year while he has been at TVHS. He won the award for the class in 9th and 10th grade. Over the course of his senior year, Steven has been a member of the Sports Broadcasting internship offered at TVHS, where he has been involved in the broadcasting and filming of the sporting events at Twin Valley. He earned a shout out on 69 News for his commentary of a high school football game. He is currently an AP student, taking AP U.S Government and Politics, and is scheduled to take the AP exam in May. Steven is planning to attend either Penn State, Millersville, Kutztown, Elizabethtown or Shippensburg for a degree in communications. He hopes to use that degree and the knowledge gained from high school to pursue a career in the media industry.

Pictured (L to R): Steven Armstrong and Malavika Nair
**Last Call for Nominations:** Twin Valley School District Alumni Hall of Fame • [https://www.tvsd.org/alumni](https://www.tvsd.org/alumni)

**Honey Brook Elementary Center**
HBEC Website
First Friday January 8 • Spirit Day

**Robeson Elementary Center**
REC Website

**Twin Valley Elementary Center**
TVEC Website

**Twin Valley Middle School**
TVMS Website

**Twin Valley High School**
TVHS Website
Until Dec 22 • Tri - M Coat Drive
January 2021 • Keystone Exams

**All Schools**
No School for Students (note date change)
December 23, 2020 - January 1, 2021
TVSD Website

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**TVHS Student Council**
Presentation to the Board (December 2020)

**Final days for the annual Tri-M Coats for Kids Drive!** Donate new and used jackets, hats, scarves, etc to benefit families in need within Twin Valley School District. Donation boxes can be found in the lobby of each school and donations will be given to Anchored by Grace Ministries for distribution. Happy Holidays!
Twin Valley Athletic + Activities News!

Athletic News at Twin Valley! Keep up with sports schedules, pics, and 2020-21 info on the website or follow @TVRaiders on Twitter! #RaiderPride

Pennsylvania State Field Hockey Coaches Association announced its All-State teams! Congrats to first team picks Natali Foster, Emma Winther and Carlie Servis! All were repeat selections! Congrats to Maddie Stevens for being selected to second team and Makayla Carahaly for her Honorable Mention.

Berks County Football Coaches Association announced its All-Academic teams! Congrats to Cody Baker, Dominic Caruso, Ryan Corros, Cenzo DiFrabrizio, Trey Freeman, Nick Harris, Masen Ketner, Matt Puccino, Ollie Savage, Gavin Siriani, and Nick Stolz!

Pennsylvania Volleyball Coaches Association announced its All-State teams! Congrats to Alyssa Green and Emma Lessick!

The Reading Eagle announced its All-Berks picks from the Fall 2020 Season
Congrats to all who were honored!

Boys Cross County All-Berks Team (representing Twin Valley)
(Athlete of the Year) Noah Taylor
Anthony Engle
Ben Meister
Iain Taylor
Coach Brian Holden
Best of the Rest Division I - Nolan Meincke and Nate Meister
Honorable Mention - Jaden Brighter and Talon Baker

Girls Field Hockey All-Berks Team (representing Twin Valley)
(PLAYER of the Year) Natali Foster
Maddie Stevens
Emma Winther
Coach Kim Walsh
Best of the Rest Division I - Makayla Carahaly, Morgan Lennon, Sophia Marsalo, Carlie Servis, Brooke Trent
Honorable Mention - Jessi Bennett, Hadley Munn, and Hannah Schmittinger

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Volleyball All-Berks Team (representing Twin Valley)
Emma Lessick
Kassidy Means
Coach Bob Robinette
Best of the Rest - Alyssa Green and Grace Kane
Honorable Mention - Laura Biegel and Ellie Norton

Girls Cross Country All-Division I Best of the Rest
Anna Posh and Laura Posh

Boys Soccer All Division II Honorable Mention
Kalen Smith and Hunter Charron

Girls Soccer All Division II Best of the Rest
Abby Thatcher
Honorable Mention
Ashley Lavrich and Rachel McNamee

Girls Tennis All-Division Honorable Mention
Katie Hafer

Golf All Berks I Best of the Rest
Chase Marinacci
Honorable Mention
Hayden Bond and Shayne O’Doherty

Berks Football - Best of the Rest
Second Team Offense - RB Dominic Caruso
Second Team Defense - DB Dominic Caruso
Honorable Mention - Offense
Quarterback - Ryan Scheivert
Wide Receiver - Trey Freeman
Guard - Ryan Corros
Center - Ollie Savage
Kick Returner - Trey Freeman
Honorable Mention - Defense
Lineman - Hunter Hittle
Linebackers - Vincenzo DiFabrizio and Ryan Corros
Back - Trey Freeman
TVHS Alumni Peyton McDaniel in the news!

The Twin Valley grad poured in 30 points and helped James Madison knock off George Mason 89-70 in a non-conference women’s basketball game.

McDaniel became the first JMU freshman to score 30 points in regulation since Sue Manelski in 1981. McDaniel has started all four games for James Madison. She’s averaging 10.5 points and 5.8 rebounds per game.

More TVSD News

Still time to apply! The USDA has extended the free breakfast + lunch for all students until June 30, 2021. Contact Steve with any questions! samore@tvsd.org

The Race for Education was a little different this year! Each school did a stellar job fundraising! Thank you to parents, students and staff for this spectacular effort!