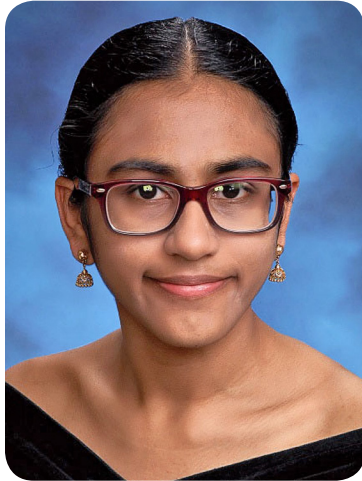




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**NILA ANBARASU**

**PARENTS:** Anbarasu Thirunavukkarasu and Arivajaguy Karouneyanandame

**ACTIVITIES:** PHS East Reading Olympics, National Honor Society Volunteer and Tutor, Ballet, Snipes Farm Volunteer, Falls Township Youth Police Academy

**HONORS:** Le Grand Concours Bronze Medal (9), Le Grand Concours Silver Medal (11), Reading Olympics 1st Place Blue Ribbons, Elmira College Key Award (11), Academic Excellence Award in Applied Engineering (10), Academic Excellence Award in Science (10), AP Scholar with Honor (11), National Honor Society (11), French National Honor Society: Level 3H & Level 4H (12)

**PLANS:** Honors College at Rutgers University-New Brunswick

**MAJOR:** Genetics



**SHIVAM BHAVSAR**

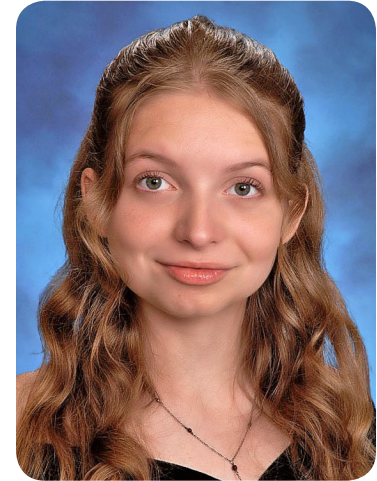
**PARENTS:** Yogesh and Reshma Bhavsar

**ACTIVITIES:** Chess Club, Ultimate Frisbee, Good Stuff Thrift Store Volunteer, Stem Capstone Research, CrossFit

**HONORS:** Sage Scholar, Nationally Commended, AP Scholar with Distinction, Spanish Honor Society

**PLANS:** New Jersey Institute of Technology

**MAJOR:** Double Major in Mathematics and Data Science



**ADDISON BLUMBERG**

**PARENTS:** Adam and Heather Blumberg

**ACTIVITIES:** International Thespian Officer Chair, State Thespian Officer for Pennsylvania, Founder of Autism ALLways (Charitable Organization), President of PHS French Club, PHS Thespian Board Member and Co-President

**HONORS:** Bryn Mawr President's Book Award, Nominee for the Tikun Olam Award National Recognition (award for Jewish teenagers who have started an initiative to make the world a better place), National Honor Society, French National Honor Society Levels 3, 4, and AP, LYFT Character Award for Caring and Service to Others, LYFT Character Award for Respect, "Superior" Rating on Multiple Individual Theatrical Performances at State Level, Advancement from State to International Level of Competitive Solo Theatrical Performances, Academic Excellence Awards in Social Studies, Art, Choir (2x), French

**PLANS:** Sarah Lawrence College

**MAJOR:** Focus in Political Science and Government, French and Francophone Studies



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**NEVE DAVIS**

**PARENTS:** Mike and Tiffany Davis

**ACTIVITIES:** Founder and Director of LFE Mentorship Program, Varsity Basketball, Mini-THON Art Committee, Falcons for Orphans, Science and Discovery Club, Youth Basketball Trainer/Coach, Scorekeeper/Referee, Rebels AAU Basketball, Tutor, Mindset Research with Dr. Tulloch at Morgan State University

**HONORS:** Academic Excellence in Applied Engineering, Academic Excellence in Mathematics, Academic Excellence in Science, University of Rochester Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award, Spanish National Honor Society, Bronze Medal on the National Spanish Exam, Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference, AP Scholar with Honor, National Honor Society

**PLANS:** University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

**MAJOR:** Applied Mathematics



**LILY ERDOGAN**

**PARENTS:** Levent Erdogan and Tina Mohsen

**ACTIVITIES:** Varsity Cross Country (Captain), Varsity Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field, Pennsbury Voice Newspaper (Editor, Staff Writer), Acting Naturally (Production Assistant), Al-Bustan Seeds of Culture (Intern, Camp Counselor, Community Engagement Fellow), Problem Solved Math Tutor, Bucks County Courier Times Teen Takes (Panelist), Pennsbury Drama Thursday Night Live (Producer), Islamic Society of Central Jersey (Assistant Teacher), Rock the Vote Philadelphia (Voting Canvasser)

**HONORS:** University of Pennsylvania Book Award, National Honor Society (Parliamentarian), National Spanish Exam Bronze Medalist, Academic Excellence in World Language (Spanish), Arthur J. Lendo Fellowship Award, 2022 Cross Country All-League Honorable Mention

**PLANS:** University of Pennsylvania

**MAJOR:** Undecided



**HENRY FRANKLIN**

**PARENTS:** Bruce Franklin and Laura Waldron

**ACTIVITIES:** President and Founder of PHS Film Club, Submitter for the Pennsbury Literary Magazine, Iowa University Young Writers Workshop Student, Novelist, Master LEGO Builder and Andy's Brick Shop Employee

**HONORS:** National Merit Finalist, 1st Place Winner of Bucks County Short Fiction Contest for High School Students, AP Scholar with Distinction, Brown University Book Award, Pennsbury Academic Excellence Award in Mathematics, Pennsbury Academic Excellence Award in Science, Pennsbury Academic Excellence Award in Social Studies

**PLANS:** University of Pennsylvania

**MAJOR:** Economics



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**LANEY FREIBAND**

**PARENTS:** Keith and Tiffany Freiband

**ACTIVITIES:** Pennsbury Varsity Softball, Club Softball, Mini-THON, Head Captain of Finance Committee, Gearing Up 4 Good Club, Pennsbury Athletic Association Volunteer Coach, National Honor Society Tutor and Volunteer, Freshman Field Hockey

**HONORS:** National Honor Society, Business National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, AAUW Women's Stem Award, Russell Sage College Award, PIAA 6A Softball 2x PA State Semifinalist, Suburban One League All-Team Recognition, 3x Suburban One League Champion

**PLANS:** Playing Softball at Cornell University

**MAJOR:** Biometry and Statistics



**OLIVIA GRAEBNER**

**PARENTS:** Stacy and Bob Graebner

**ACTIVITIES:** Gearing Up for Good Club (Co-Founder and Co-President), Mini-THON Captain, UNICEF Club, Varsity Field Hockey (Two-time Captain), Varsity Lacrosse (Two-time Captain), French Club, Ultimate Lacrosse Club, Volunteer Field Hockey Coach

**HONORS:** Student Sage Award, PASLA All-Academic Team, 2023 Kiwanis-Herald Scholar-Athlete Award, Suburban One League Lacrosse Champions, SOL Field Hockey All-League, SOL Lacrosse All-League, Bucks County Courier Times Unsung Hero Award (Lacrosse and Field Hockey), Award for Academic Excellence in English, National Honor Society, French National Honor Society

**PLANS:** Playing Division 1 Lacrosse at Wofford College

**MAJOR:** Psychology and Business



**LORELEI GRAFFIUS**

**PARENTS:** Daniel Graffius and Jessica Pellien

**ACTIVITIES:** Marching Band, Girls Varsity Bowling, Prom Committee Chair, French Club, Be Heard Stay Woke, Girl Scouts, Girl Scout Oakville Day Camp Counselor, Club Volleyball Captain, Pit Orchestra, Symphonic Winds, Pennsbury Hall of Fame Ambassador, French Exchange Program

**HONORS:** National Honor Society, Silver Medal on National French Exam, French Honor Society Levels 3, 4, and AP, Wells College 21st Century Leadership Award

**PLANS:** University of Michigan

**MAJOR:** Applied Mathematics, Minor in French Studies



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**RACHEL HERWAY**

**PARENTS:** Jacob and Melanie Herway

**ACTIVITIES:** Princeton Girlchoir, Academic Tutoring, Teach Piano, Choir Internship, Speech and Debate

**HONORS:** Spanish Award (9, 10), Smith College Book Award (11), Gold Medalist National Spanish Award, National Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society

**PLANS:** University of Delaware

**MAJOR:** Global Studies



**ABHIRAM KUMMARAPURUGU**

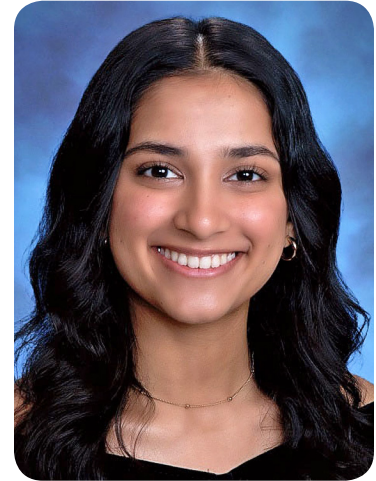
**PARENTS:** Deepak and Padmini Sharma

**ACTIVITIES:** Captain of PHS Mathletes, Kumon Instructor, Science Tutor at N.H. Holy Saint Public School in Bangalore, National Honors Society

**HONORS:** Rensselaer Medalist (11th), Top Math Student Pennsbury High (9, 10, 11), Top Science Student Pennsbury High (9, 11), Top Applied Engineering Student Pennsbury High (11), AP Scholar with Distinction

**PLANS:** Georgia Tech

**MAJOR:** Physics



**PARI LAKHIA**

**PARENTS:** Saurabh and Sarabjit Lakhia

**ACTIVITIES:** Wink4Pink President, Mini-THON Art Captain, Falcons For Orphans, Prom Committee, Fox Chase Hospital Volunteer

**HONORS:** National Spanish Honor Society, Wesleyan University Book Award

**PLANS:** University of Pittsburgh

**MAJOR:** Neuroscience



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**ASHLEY MAKOVSKY**

**PARENTS:** Thaddeus Makovsky and Jessica Gates

**ACTIVITIES:** President of Weightlifting Club, Concert Choir, Chamber Choir, St. Augustine Choir, Worked 4 jobs throughout high school, Current Wawa Employee, Member and Volunteer at St. Ignatius Church with Children's Liturgy of the Word, PHS Sustainability Committee Student Representative, Chief Marketing Officer for grassroots small business that donates all profit to ocean conservation charity. Outside of these, I enjoy going to the gym, playing guitar, and learning Russian and Spanish.

**HONORS:** National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society Levels 3 and 4, AATSP National Spanish Exam Award

**PLANS:** University of South Carolina Honors College

**MAJOR:** Double Major in International Business and Finance



**SHANE MARCHOK**

**PARENTS:** Tim and Michelle Marchok

**ACTIVITIES:** French Club, Prom Committee (Chair), Yardley Makefield Soccer, Woodside Church VBS Camp Counselor, Piano Student, Sacred Heart Church Volunteer

**HONORS:** National Honor Society, French National Honor Society, Academic Excellence in French (9, 10), Academic Excellence in Social Studies (10), Elmira College Key Award

**PLANS:** Penn State University

**MAJOR:** Biochemistry and Molecular Biology



**ROBERT "POB" PAPSHEV**

**PARENTS:** Armen and Diana Papshev

**ACTIVITIES:** Varsity Ultimate Frisbee Spirit Captain, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) School Treasurer

**HONORS:** National Merit Finalist, AP Scholar with Honor, 21st Century Leadership Award, National Spanish Honor Society, National Business Honor Society, Academic Excellence Award for Math (10)

**PLANS:** Schreyer Honors College at Penn State University

**MAJOR:** Actuarial Science



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**SHIVANI PAREKH**

**PARENTS:** Paras and Avnee Parekh

**ACTIVITIES:** Wink4Pink, Mini-THON, Interfaith Food Alliance, PHS Voice, Falcons For Orphans, Spanish Club, Math Tutor

**HONORS:** Rochester Institute of Technology Computing Medal and Scholarship Program, National Business Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, AP Scholar Award, Student of the Quarter in Applied Engineering/Technology Education, Certified Web Animator Apprentice from Web Professionals

**PLANS:** Tufts University

**MAJOR:** Computer Science



**SIYA PATEL**

**PARENTS:** Jainik and Rupal Patel

**ACTIVITIES:** President of UNICEF Club, District Equity Leadership Team, Finance Head Captain of Mini-THON, Building Equity Leadership Team, Falcons for Orphans

**HONORS:** Susan B. Anthony Award, National Honor Society

**PLANS:** University of Pittsburgh

**MAJOR:** Rehabilitation Science on track of Pre-Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine



**VARUN PATEL**

**PARENTS:** Sachin and Komal Patel

**ACTIVITIES:** Speech and Debate, UNICEF, Math and Computer Science Tutor, History Club, Trenton Area Soup Kitchen Volunteer, Voter Registration Drive Volunteer

**HONORS:** Rochester Institute of Technology Computing Medal, National Merit Scholarship Finalist, AP Scholar with Distinction, Student Representative to HOBY, National Honors Society, National Spanish Honors Society, Academic Excellence in Science, Academic Excellence in Computer Science

**PLANS:** University of Pittsburgh

**MAJOR:** Computer Science



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**AMANDA QU**

**PARENTS:** Qinling Qu and Li Shen

**ACTIVITIES:** Speech and Debate (Overall Captain), Pennsylvania Governor's School for the Sciences (Co-Author of OTC Drug Research Paper), Pennsylvania Governor's School for the Sciences Board of Directors (Alumni Relations Committee), Pennsbury Concert Jazz Band, Bucks County Library Yardley Branch Volunteer, Student Forum

**HONORS:** Ranked #2 nationally in Informative Speaking (Degree of Premier Distinction and Academic All-American), 2x Pennsylvania High School Speech League State Champion, 48th Annual Harvard National Forensics Tournament Champion, 3x Valley Forge District Champion, 4x National Qualifier, 2x Finalist at the Tournament of Champions, 2x Finalist at the Barkley Forum for High Schools, Semifinalist at the National Catholic Forensics League Grand National Tournament, Runner-up at the 48th University of Pennsylvania Tournament, 3rd Place at the Yale University Invitational, Finalist at the Princeton Classic, Quarterfinalist at NSDA Nationals, 3x La Salle Forum Invitational Champion, Harvard Book Award, 2022 American Chemical Society Award, Academic Excellence Award in Mathematics, Academic Excellence Award in Social Studies, Outstanding Soloist at the 16th Annual Steinert High School Jazz Festival, Best Soloist at the Central Bucks West High School Jazz Festival, AP Scholar with Distinction, Recipient of the Bristol-Myers Squibb Company Scholarship.

**PLANS:** University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business

**MAJOR:** Economics, concentration in Finance



**SOPHIA WITOSHKIN**

**PARENTS:** Stephen and Christina Witoshkin

**ACTIVITIES:** Dance Arts of Yardley Senior Company Member, Regional and National Competitor for Dance Arts of Yardley, Dance Teacher's Aid and Demonstrator, Mini-THON Corporate Fundraiser and Food Committee Member, Part-Time Cashier at McCaffrey's Supermarket, Wink4Pink, Volunteer of School-Sponsored Events for National Honor Society, Babysitter and Pet-Sitter

**HONORS:** National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Student of the Quarter from Mrs. Purdy, Student of the Quarter BTIC, Wilkes University Colonel Emerging Leaders Award

**PLANS:** La Salle University

**MAJOR:** Nursing