



## PFTSTA Awards, Honors & Publications 2016-2017



### Patrick F. Taylor Science & Technology Academy

Patrick Taylor Academy was named a [National Title 1 Distinguished School](#) for 2016-2017.

Patrick Taylor Academy [receives an A from the state of Louisiana](#) and ranks third in the state and second in the Jefferson Parish Public School System.

### Faculty and Staff:

Susanna Klusendorf (math) was [named Middle School Teacher of the Year Region 1](#) by the Louisiana Association of Computer Using Educators (LACUE).

Maggie Grindstaff (ELA) was named the 2018 Teacher of the Year.

Lisa Valence (math) and Susie Klusendorf (math) received a Quality in Science and Mathematics (QSM) grant for 2016-17 to purchase new math materials for their classrooms.

Amanda Godshaw (science) was recognized at the Greater New Orleans Science and Engineering Fair with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place for the James de la Houssaye Mentor Award, based on nominations from her students. She was also selected as a mentor to attend the International Science and Engineering Fair in Los Angeles, CA with student Mason Varuso.

### Students:

Myles Mackie was named the middle school student of the year for Jefferson Parish Public Schools. .

Stefan Suazo was named the high school student of the year for Jefferson Parish Public Schools.

Macie Jeansonne won Honorable Mention in the Region-at-Large program of the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards of 2017, presented by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers for her short story, "Blessed by the Moon."

The following students were named to the District VI Honors Jazz Bands: **Quint Adkins** in the Senior High band, and **Canon Adkins** (named first chair) and **Julia Hutto** in the Junior High band.

Jefferson Parish Social Studies Fair

<b>Emily Schmidt</b>	Middle School	History	1 <sup>st</sup> place
<b>Catherine Wertz</b>	High School	History	2 <sup>nd</sup> place

Greater New Orleans Science & Engineering Fair (GNOSEF)

**Alex Walker**

Energy: Chemical 1<sup>st</sup> place

American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Award

2<sup>nd</sup> place

American Petroleum Institute Delta Chapter award

1<sup>st</sup> place

US Navy/US Marine Corps - Office of Naval Research Award

Partial expenses paid trip to I-SWEEP - International Sustainable Works Project

Olympiad for student and mentor in Houston, TX

**Mason Varuso**

Chemistry 1<sup>st</sup> place

US Air Force Award

US Navy/US Marine Corps - Office of Naval Research Award

GNOSEF Grand Award - all expenses paid trip to the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) in Los Angeles, CA

**Olivia Gegenheimer**

Behavioral and Social Science 1<sup>st</sup> place

American Psychological Association Award 1<sup>st</sup> place

**Jasmine McGowan**

Energy: Chemical 1<sup>st</sup> place -

American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Award

Honorable Mention

American Institute of Chemical Engineers award

1<sup>st</sup> place

American Petroleum Institute Delta Chapter award

2<sup>nd</sup> place

US Metric Association Award

**Isabelle Ordonez** Animal Science 3<sup>rd</sup> place

**Kristen Clement** Microbiology 4<sup>th</sup> place

Baton Rouge Magnet High School Mu Alpha Theta competition

PFTSTA earned 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Division II Sweepstakes

Members of the team included: 8th Graders **Brian Sasso, Hermione Lam, Maverick Becnel, Anthony Nguyen, and Fernandos Magee**; 9th Graders **Andre Bourque, Anne Nguyen and Andreas Palmer**; 10th Graders **Joshua Nguyen, Zoey Prado, Hannah Porta, Bailey Andras, Macy Laurent, and Jasmine McGowan**; 10th Graders **Dustin Vo, Elizabeth Matthews, and Catherine Lam**. 11th Grader **Jacob LeBlanc**

Algebra 1 Individual Test

**Fernandos Magee** - 1<sup>st</sup> place

**Brian Sasso** - 2<sup>nd</sup> place

**Hermione Lam** - 3<sup>rd</sup> place

Geometry Individual Test

**Bailey Andras** - Honorable Mention

**Jasmine McGowan** - Honorable Mention

**Joshua Nguyen** - Honorable Mention

Algebra II Individual Test

**Dustin Vo** - 2<sup>nd</sup> place

**Catherine Lam** - Honorable Mention

Calculus AB Individual Test

**Andre Bourque** - 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Team Test Results

Comp 1.5A Algebra / Geometry Team earned 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Members of the team included **Bailey Andras, Hannah Porta, Zoey Prado, and Dustin Vo**

Inter-school Test

All students listed above who attended the tournament - 2<sup>nd</sup> place

Members of the Chess club participated in the Pan-American Scholastic Individual Chess Championships. In the U900 Section, 6<sup>th</sup> grader **Alonzo Collins** came in 7<sup>th</sup> place. In the Open Section, 6<sup>th</sup> grader **Ian Schneider** came in 4<sup>th</sup> place.

**Julia Hutto** (alto Saxophone) and **Canon Adkins** (trumpet) were selected to the District VI Concert Honor Band.

The middle school robotics team (**Maverick Becnel, Carlos Castillion, Colin Doherty, Stephen Edward, Asher Jolley, Alex Kraus, Myles Mackie, Robert Mouledoux, Kyle Smith, and Javier Torres**) won the Best Innovative Solution Award at the Louisiana First Lego League tournament for their project titled Overfishing in Louisiana.

Members of the Chess Club participated in the 2016 LSCL Holiday Tournament. In the U900 division, **Yvonne Arcana** came in 20<sup>th</sup> place and received a medal and **Alonzo Collins** came in 7<sup>th</sup> place. In the Open section, **Ian Schneider** came in 5<sup>th</sup> place.

**Dareana Roy** was selected as a POSSE Scholar and will receive a full scholarship to attend Illinois Wesleyan University.

**Raeven Mataya** was matched to the University of Virginia through the QuestBridge National College Match program and will receive a scholarship to cover the full cost of a four year program there.

**Tran Nguyen** was selected for the The ADL (Anti-Defamation League) Grosfeld Family National Youth Leadership Mission. She will attend the ADL's A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE Institute in Washington D.C. with juniors from across the country.

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**Hilary Keyes, Dareana Roy, Mustafa Hamed, Gavin Morrow, Rachel Indest, and Raeven Mataya** were named POSSE Scholar Finalists.

**Raeven Mataya, Marco Flores, Devin Nguyen, and Gavin Morrow** were named finalists in the QuestBridge National College Match program.

**Stefan Suazo** and **Henry Hazlett** were named National Merit Semi-Finalists.