NASH junior Shannon Sullivan began serving the first of her two-year term as a Junior Student Member on the Pennsylvania State Board of Education.

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Junior Brennan McGovern served as a Junior Council Member in Franklin Park Borough.

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NA celebrated the highest SAT composite scores ever achieved by district students when 2010 scores revealed an increase of 38 points over a three year period.

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The NASH Forensics Team received three prestigious recognitions from the National Forensics League. For the fourth year in a row NASH was named one of the nation’s “Top 100 Schools” in speech and debate activities, ranking them 44th out of more than 3,000 schools nationwide based on student participation and achievement. The team also earned the Leading Chapter Award in the Pittsburgh District for the second time, an award based on the top team in every district, or competition sections. And, the team qualified for the National Forensic League Société De 300, an elite recognition of team members achieving 300 degrees or more during the last school year.

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Twenty-seven seniors earned Commended status in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship program sponsored by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

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Seventeen more seniors earned semi-finalist status, and then advanced to be named Finalists in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Competition sponsored by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC).

NASH senior Portia Isaac was named an Outstanding Participant in the 2011 National Achievement Scholarship Program, an academic competition for black American high school students. Portia placed among the top 3 percent of more than 160,000 students who requested entry to the 2011 National Achievement Program.

NASH junior Natalie Geer was featured along with her mother in the Post-Gazette after the pair traveled as part of a 13-member team on a mission trip to Nyadire, Zimbabwe where Natalie assisted with 25 children living at the mission orphanage.

NA Cheerleaders joined forces with North Hills Cheerleaders in sponsoring their fourth annual “Unite on Game Nite” coat drive to benefit the North Hills Community Outreach free coat shop in Millvale.

There were a total of 146 students that achieved the distinguished status of Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar from the College Board in 2010. The designation of AP Scholar is recognition of exceptional achievement on the college-level AP Exams.
IMS eighth grader Shannon Duffy won First Place in the 6th – 8th grade category of the 2010 American Chemical Society’s Pittsburgh Section of the National Chemistry Week Poster Contest.

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NAI sophomore Lily Zhang won in two categories of an international writing contest. Lily won First Place in the Original Poetry Category and Second Place in the Original Short Story Category of the 2010 Torrance Legacy Creative Writing Awards competition.

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IMS eighth grader Alessandro DiBello was named a recipient of the Daly Hawley Award from the Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils.

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The NASH Safari yearbook was recognized as a Gold Medalist in the Scholastic Yearbook Critique Program sponsored by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association after achieving a score of 932 points out of a possible 1,000.

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CMS students Ted Egnaczyk (8th) and Olivia Gill (7th) were invited to give a TED X Talk at the Pittsburgh Ted X Youth Day event which was broadcast from the Pittsburgh Children’s Museum.

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There were 3,071 students in grades 6 through 12 that earned a position on the Honor Roll Listing for the first nine weeks.

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Teams representing CMS, NAI and NASH all earned honors in the Fall 2010 Knowledge Master Open academic competitions. The NASH team won Third Place in Pennsylvania in the High School Competition; the NAI team claimed Second Place in the Jr. High Division; and the CMS team captured Third Place in the Middle School Competition.

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NASH senior Christina Boada was selected to receive a 2010 Gold Medallion Youth Award for Science in the annual Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards program.

NASH juniors Alexis Renee Aiken, Brandi Michelle Henderson and senior Erica Jordan Mann were honored during the Jack and Jill of America Presentation Ball upon completion of classes covering everything from community service to social graces and for demonstrating the highest standards of accomplishment and values as defined by the Jack and Jill organization.

NASH senior Michael Belsky earned a perfect composite score of 36 on the ACT® college admissions and placement exam. Of the nearly 1.6 million test takers, only 588 students in the nation and only nine in Pennsylvania earned a perfect score.

NA high school marketing students dominated the District 2 DECA Career Development Conference where they secured nine first place awards and 38 of the 47 NA students that participated qualified to compete at the annual state competition.

NAI sophomore Ryan Sanguigni researched, planned and set in motion a commemorative brick garden at IES to coincide with the school’s 100th anniversary. He selected this project to fulfill the community-service requirement to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout.
NASH seniors Brandon Lea and Kurt Gingrich traveled to Dallas, TX as NATV representatives where they participated in Media Day at Super Bowl XLV.

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There were 2,784 students in grades 6 through 12 that earned a position on the Honor Roll Listing for the second nine weeks.

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NASH senior Keyur Rao designed and constructed a 130-square foot solar panel to use the sun’s rays to power lights, heat and electrical equipment inside a barn used by the Latodami Nature Center in North Park for his Eagle Scout project.

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Fifteen high school students participated in the American Association of Teachers of German 2010-2011 National German Exam and achieved scores at or above the 80th percentile.

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Four students were honored as award winners in the Society for Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh 2010 Essay Contests for middle and high school students. In the middle school competition, MMS eighth grader Sean Geiger won first place, NAI freshman Mike Becich won second place and MMS eighth grader Songela Chen was awarded Honorable Mention. In the high school competition, NAI sophomore Lily Zhang won second place.

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NAI sophomore Connor Phillips earned a score of 240 – a perfect score – on the 2010 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) exam.

NASH senior Michael Belsky was selected as a candidate for the 2011 United States Presidential Scholars Program. He was one of only 61 seniors in all of Pennsylvania and only 13 from the Greater Pittsburgh Area to be so distinguished.

Both IMS and MMS teams won First Place in their respective regional tournaments and qualified to compete in the U.S. Department of Energy’s National Science Bowl competition. The MMS team finished Fifth in the country in the overall academic competition and the IMS team claimed Third Place in the Hydrogen Fuel Cell Car Race.

The JROTC academic team advanced to the final round of the national championship of the 2011 Air Force JROTC Academic Bowl Championship which is conducted by the College Options Foundation and hosted by George Mason University.

Eleven members of NA’s DECA chapter qualified to compete at the DECA International Conference after participating in the 60th annual State Career Development Conference where they each garnered top awards. In addition, four students received Overall Finalist Awards and 13 students were awarded Medallions for top scores.
CMS seventh graders Luke Slotterback, Joe Zhao and Maura Sanguigni won First Place in the 18th Annual InDEEE 500 Robotic Car Race at the Carnegie Science Center.

NASH senior Kevin Bunce raised funds, designed and built a portable shuffleboard court for the Southwestern Veterans’ Center as his service project to earn the rank of Eagle Scout.

NASH junior Peter Kovacevic was named a Finalist in the annual Essay Contest sponsored by Pennsylvania State University. Only the top 20 essays receive Finalist recognition.

NASH junior Michelle Lee was one of two First Place $50,000 scholarship winners in the National Young Epidemiology Scholars (YES) Research Competition for a research project in which she developed a computer simulation of the cost-effectiveness of routine testing for methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA).

Eleven PES fourth graders entered the Fall 2010 Poetry Contest, Grades 4–6 Division, sponsored by Creative Communications and were selected to have their poems published in the anthology “A Celebration of Poets.”

NASH senior Liyan Fan achieved a perfect record of seven wins and zero losses at the Pennsylvania High School Speech League’s State Tournament to claim the title of State Champion in Lincoln Douglas. In three of the last 10 years a student from NA has won the Lincoln Douglas championship title.
The NAI sophomore team of Katherine Zhou and Lily Zhang won Second Place in Duo Interpretation at the Pennsylvania High School Speech League’s State Tournament.

Teams representing CMS, NAI and NASH all earned honors in the Spring 2011 Knowledge Master Open academic competitions. The NASH team won Third Place in Pennsylvania in the High School Competition; the NAI and CMS teams claimed Second Place in the Jr. High Division and Middle School Competition, respectively.

NASH senior Andrea Evankovich was one of ten Gold Medalists recognized in the North Division of the Trib Total Media’s Outstanding Young Citizens program in which parents, school administrators and friends nominated 241 students from 20 schools.

NASH senior Samantha MiglioZZi created a detailed binder with step-by-step picture instructions for mentors to distribute and use in teaching refugees entering the U.S. on how to handle everyday household management to fulfill her service requirement to earn her Gold Award – the highest award given in Girl Scouting.

There were 2,802 students in grades 6 through 12 that earned a position on the Honor Roll Listing for the third nine weeks.
Two teams of high school students won honors at the 32nd Annual Chemistry Olympics. NASH seniors Artem Talanov, Anusha Nagabandi and NAI sophomore Lily Zhang placed first in the Advance Chemistry Category. The team of NASH juniors Julia Stone, Erin Bishop and senior Kevin Vose placed second in the Organic Chemistry Category.

A team of high school students consisting of Kostya Borisov (12th), Dom LaBella (11th), Joey Zou (11th), Katya Borisov (10th) and Skanda Koppula (10th), won the championship title – for the third year in a row – at the 15th Annual Mathematics Council of Western Pennsylvania Finals Competition. Kostya was the highest individual scorer in the entire league for the fourth year in a row.

The high schools’ Junior ROTC, Unit PA-022, was selected to receive the 2010-2011 Air Force Junior ROTC Distinguished Unit Award, with Merit, by the Department of the Air Force Air University – for the seventh consecutive year – in recognition of having performed above and beyond normal expectations and distinguishing themselves through outstanding service to their school and community.

The MMS National Academic League team made it to the Final Four round of the 2011 Terrel H. Bell National Tournament of Academic Excellence in which they had to answer questions spanning 22 subjects grouped under the basic curriculum areas of math, English/language arts, science and social studies.
NASH seniors Konstantin Borisov and Yun-Hsin Chi were honored with two of the three scholarships awarded annually to top chemistry students in Western Pennsylvania by the Society for Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh. Konstantin received the top scholarship in the amount of $20,000 and Yun-Hsin received one of two $12,000 scholarships.

A class of fifth graders at MES was named a State Winner in the national Disney Planet Challenge for their class project called “Recycling Heroes.”

NAI sophomore Lily Zhang was named a First Place state winner in the National Peace Essay Contest for High School Students sponsored by the U.S. Institute of Peace and attended an all-expenses-paid week-long trip to a unique five-day awards program designed to promote an understanding of the nature and process of international peacemaking.

Students from across the District participated in the 72nd Annual Pittsburgh Regional Science Fair and a number of them received prestigious awards. NA students claimed one First Place, four Second Place, three Third Place and six Honorable Mention Awards. NA students also claimed 12 Affiliate Awards, 14 Sponsor Awards, seven Perseverance Awards and one Scholarship Award.

There were 106 high school students that garnered medals for their performance on the 2011 National Spanish Exams sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. Spanish Level 1 students garnered 14 Gold and 16 Silver, Spanish Level 2 garnered 15 Gold and 17 Silver, Spanish Level 3 garnered six Gold and 18 Silver, Spanish Level 4 garnered eight Gold and 12 Silver Medals.

Several NA students were recognized at the 2011 Pennsylvania Technology Student Association conference for their achievements when they claimed four First Place, three Second Place and two Third Place finishes.

NAI sophomore Christian Wrigley was named a Scholar Finalist and advanced to the final stage of the selection process to be awarded a full scholarship to live and study in Germany during the 2011-2012 school year as an AFS Youth Ambassador for the United States.
IMS eighth grader Olivia McHugh submitted an original poem titled “Leaves in October” to *Creative Kids Magazine* which was selected to be published in one of their issues.

Thirty-one high school students, 20 from NAI and 11 from NASH, earned national honors when they scored at or above the 90th percentile on the 2011 National French Exam, *Le Grand Concours*, which is sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of French.

Two high school teams won honors in the 2010-2011 Fairchild Challenge at Phipps. The NAI team claimed Second Place and the NASH team tied for Third Place.

A team of NASH students won First Place in the Programming Competition at the 2011 Pennsylvania High School Computer Fair.

The high school Air Force JROTC academic team composed of Brendan Shepherd, Peter Dorsey, Ryan Sanguigni and Ryan Hopey won Second Place in the 2011 Air Force JROTC Academic Bowl Championship.

NASH senior Konstantin Borisov, for the second year in a row, was named a Finalist in the U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad after achieving a score among the top 20 students across the country. As a Finalist, he attended a two-week intensive study camp where he competed for and further advanced to be named one of four students selected to the U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad team. The four-member team traveled to Ankara, Turkey where they represented the United States at the 43rd International Chemistry Olympiad. All four members of the U.S. team were awarded medals – two Gold and two Silver – for their exceptional performance. Konstantin received a Gold Medal after placing 9th in the world.
The NA Junior Classical League (JCL) won their 14\textsuperscript{th} consecutive State Championship. In addition to the championship, the Level I, Level II and Advanced Level Quiz Bowl teams each won First Place in the state in their respective competitions. Senior Kevin Xie was named the Overall Artistic Champion in the state. Sophomore Connor Phillips won two prestigious trophies when he was named the Overall Academic Champion and the Overall Individual Champion in the state.